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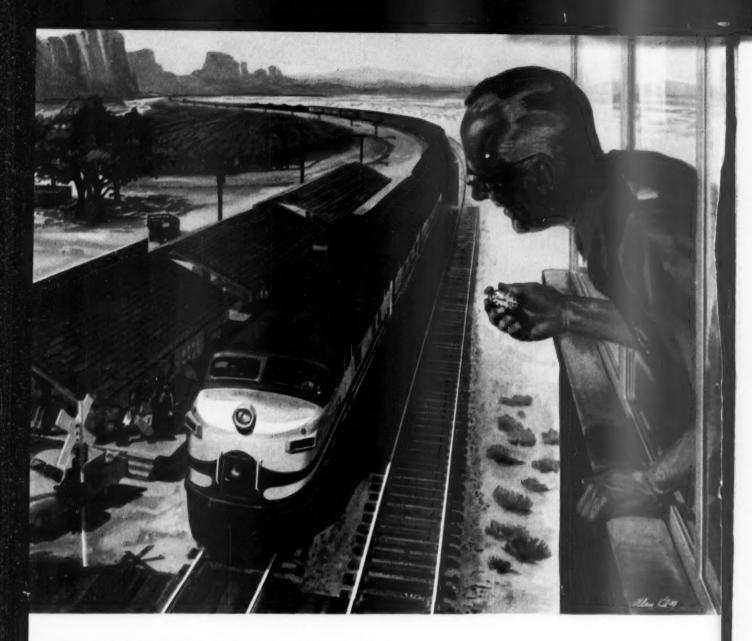


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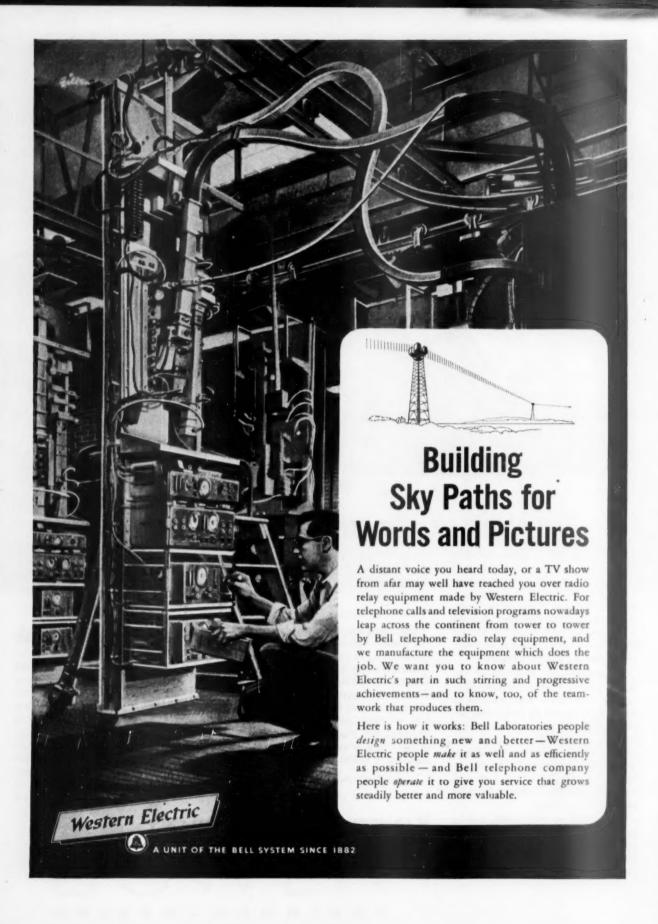
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Upsurge—in 1935

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on the factual reporting revealed in your article . . . Great Upsurge in Music Making [BW—Sep.19'53,p108]. Perhaps the upsurging market for musical instruments for employee recreational programs of great industrials might have been stressed more.

Your alertness to upsurges was apparent in your issue of October 29, 1935, in which you said: "They (piano manufacturers) give the principal credit for what has happened to the editor of a trade journal, Rov E. Waite, of the Piano Trade Magazine." PTM's editorial pleas for new piano engineering and designing, published in March, April and May of that year, brought forth a new type of vertically strung piano, the first samples of which appeared in May. There was an immediate upsurge in piano sales, which you caught in time to interview and publish the above comment in October, 1935.

ROY E. WAITE

EDITOR
PIANO TRADE MAGAZINE
CHICAGO, ILL.

More on Automation

Dear Sir:

... In your article on the new Osborn Automatic Molding Machine [BW—Sep.5'53,p64] . . . there are several statements which are somewhat misleading

Misleading. . . .

You state that preparation of sand and operation of cupolas are now the only foundry jobs that haven't been touched by automation. . . At the American Radiator Plant in Louisville

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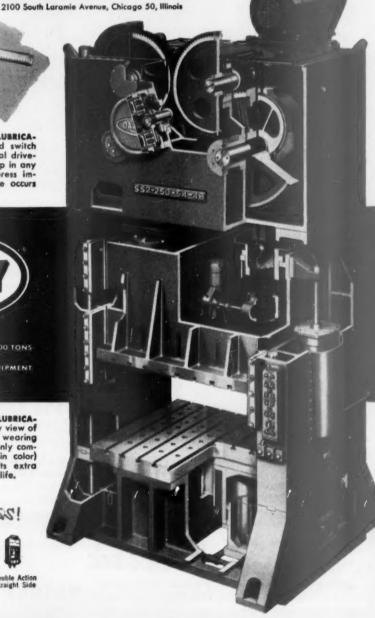












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He Says It's Safer

Dear Sir:

Thank you for an extremely wellwritten analysis of stock car racing

[BW-Sep.19'53,p66].

One point which was overlooked concerns a fact which ties in directly with your article, What Causes Auto Injuries, in the September 12 issue, on page 87. Our findings as to causes of injuries show that a person is actually safer driving a race car on a track than he is on a highway.

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WILLIAM R. TUTHILL

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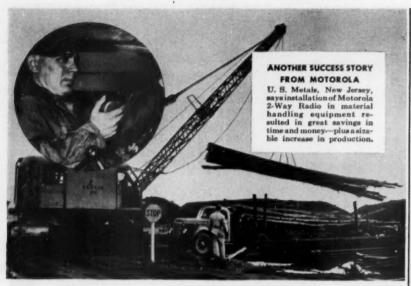
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CEDRIC H. MARKS

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Wasted Capacities

Dear Sir:

As a professional engineer, I would like to comment on the article [BW-May23'53,p29] on Engineer Shortage: Treatment but No Cure.

I would like to suggest that a cure might be forthcoming if engineers applied to their operations their demonstrated talents for increasing output with reduced input. My observation is that too many competent, experienced engineers do not have the opportunity to produce their capacity; too many are confined to the routine or semi-technical phases of their operations. I see too many of these men inefficiently utilized-relegated to drafting type of work or to sales activities. These functions could be handled, perhaps better, by men with less technical training and know-how. This situation may be a hangover from the depression days when the practice became rather widespread.

The natural result of these conditions is that many competent engineers forsake their field to seek finan-

cially greener pastures.

I believe the cure does not consist of recruiting into engineering schools as many students as possible, but rather of keeping recruitment of students on a selective basis so that those graduated have an aptitude in this field. Then utilize these trained men to the fullest extent of their capabilities.

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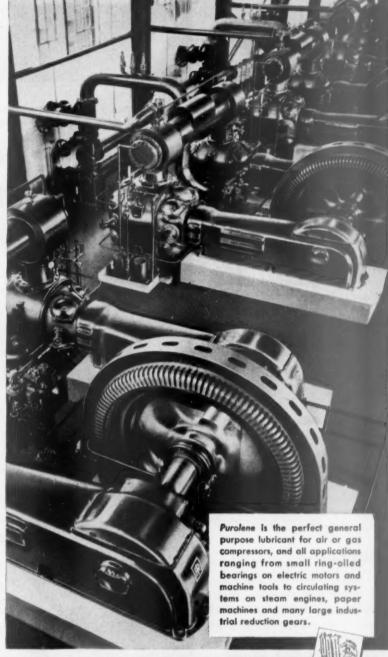
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BUSINESS OUTLOOK

BUSINESS WEEK OCT. 10, 1953



You'll have a hard time finding anything to worry about in the employment figures.

For 18 straight months, the Census Bureau has found more than 60-million Americans at work on paying jobs. For over a year and a half, unemployment has stayed comfortably under 2-million.

September employment, at 62,306,000, was the highest ever recorded for that month.

Employment dropped about a million from August to September. This, however, isn't out of line with seasonal expectations—with youngsters going back to school and harvest needs dwindling.

If there is any surprise in the employment figure, it may be this: The total is only 46,000 higher than last year.

In fact, aside from seasonal fluctuations up and down, employment has tended to center around 62-million for many months. That's very high, but it fails to reflect any real growth in the labor force.

We should add several hundred thousand workers a year. If they don't get jobs, obviously there has to be a bulge in unemployment.

But unemployment has gone down, not up. Growth in the labor force somehow has been canceled out. Perhaps new workers simply have bumped older ones drawn in during the Korea buildup. (The armed forces are no factor; they take in about as many as they muster out.)

Unemployment is virtually nonexistent. That's convincing evidence of the unabated demand for labor.

In September, the jobless numbered less than 2% of the labor force. That was about unchanged from August's peacetime low of 1¼-million.

And the September figure was 200,000 under year-ago levels.

Anyone who insists on finding somber hues in the job picture will have to dig pretty deep—and risk statistical pitfalls.

He might note that unemployment went up 6,000 from August to September—the only August-September rise in the postwar period.

But that's so small it could be an understandable sampling error.

For those who try to fill in between the monthly reports on employment, there are the weekly listings of claims for jobless pay.

Late in September, more new applicants were showing up to file at the state offices. Since mid-August, such claims have been running about 50,000 higher each week than at the same time last year. (But last year was abnormally low; we were picking up speed after the steel strike.)

If you use these figures, weigh them cautiously. They're tricky, and you may puff up an apparent weakness out of all proportion.

It is easy to get the notion that unemployment is on the rise. Almost daily you see new reports from somewhere about layoffs.

This week started, for example, with employment cuts at such

BUSINESS OUTLOOK (Continued)

BUSINESS WEEK OCT. 10, 1953 scattered points as Dow Chemical's magnesium-chlorine works in Freeport, Tex., and American Car & Foundry's subsidiary, Carter Carburetor, in St. Louis.

There also were new cuts in zinc mining and smelting.

Yet you hear little, so far, about "islands of unemployment."

Some layoffs, at least, hurt less than you might suppose.

Studebaker, largest employer in South Bend, cut off approximately one-third of its work force. Yet qualified local observers tell us that the city has felt this reduction in payrolls hardly at all.

Most of the people laid off were relatively new workers. Many commuted 40 or 50 mi. to work. When let out, they just stayed home.

And more than 1,000 found new jobs, local authorities assert.

You might expect Detroit to be having unemployment troubles if you read only the scare headlines. But output still is at an annual rate of about 5½-million cars; Detroit employment, though down a little from June, is 10% higher than it was this time last year.

Manufacturers' new and unfilled orders don't look so good as employment (particularly when weighed against the high level of inventory).

Take manufacturers of durable goods—whose position is the crux of the situation.

They were still adding to inventory as late as August. But their new orders for six months had been sharply below the value of their shipments. And cancellations had been slashing order backlogs for a year.

Durable goods manufacturers' new orders, from March through June, averaged \$750-million a month less than the value of shipments. In July, they were under by \$2-billion, and in August by nearly \$3-billion.

By itself, this might not be too alarming. The backlog still totals nearly \$65-billion against monthly shipments of about \$13-billion. Thus the backlog still amounts to better than $4\frac{1}{2}$ months' output.

Here's the aspect of the situation that's really frightening:

In the last year, manufacturers of durables have added nearly \$3-billion to inventories while order backlogs were dropping \$7½-billion.

Increases in personal income seem at least to have slowed down.

The seasonally adjusted figure for July, after downward revision of \$600-million, now stands at an annual rate of \$287.5-billion: August is placed at \$287-million.

The August figure, however, is \$16-billion ahead of a year ago.

Spotty demand on banks for business loans may reflect some reversal of inventory policy. This year, loans have gone up only \$400-million since July. Last year, the rise was \$1-billion, two years ago \$900-million.

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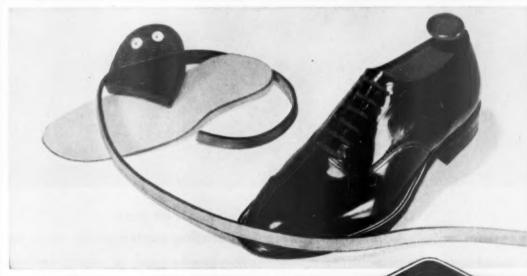
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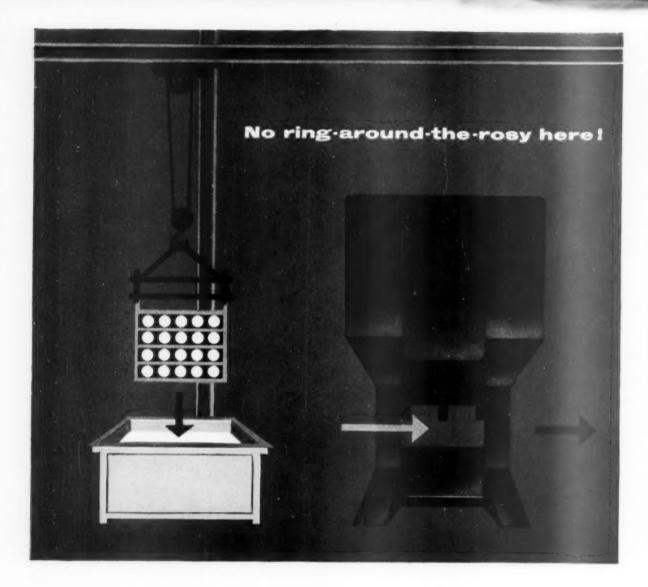
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PRODUCTION					
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Steel ingot production (thousands of tons)	2,132 140,138	†2,149 †140,953	2;011 132,574	2,215	62,8
Engineering const. awards (Eng. News-Rec. 4-week daily av. in thousands)	\$46,725	\$53,288	1\$46,430	\$48,062	\$17,0
Electric power output (millions of kilowatt-hours)	8,414	8,354	8,694	7,665	4,2
Crude oil and condensate production (daily av., thousands of bbls.)	6,443 1,603	6,486	6,534 1,624	6,515	4,7
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TRADE					
Carloadings: manufactures, misc., and l.c.l. (daily av., thousands of cars)	78	79	78	82	
Carloadings: all other (daily av., thousands of cars)  Department store sales (change from same week of preceding year)	+3%	+6%	-9%	62 -2%	+30
Business failures (Dun and Bradstreet, number)	189	152	178	129	770
PRICES					
Spot commodities, daily index (Moody's Dec. 31, 1931 = 100)	396.8	409.3	415.5	425.1	311
Industrial raw materials, daily index (U. S. BLS, 1947-49 = 100)	80.8	82.1	85.1	97.1	++73
Foodstuffs, daily index (U. S. BLS, 1947-49 = 100)	94.5	95.8	96.3	90.7	117
Finished steel, index (U. S. BLS, 1947-49 = 100)	141.7 \$31.33	141.7 \$31.50	141.7 \$38.67	130.8 **\$42.00	\$176 \$20.
Copper (electrolytic, Connecticut Valley, E&MJ, lb.).	29.905€	29.780€	29.969€	24,500€	14.04
Wheat (No. 2, hard and dark hard winter, Kansas City, bu.)	\$2.27	\$2.18	\$2,20	\$2,41	\$1.
Cotton, daily price (middling, ten designated markets, lb.)	32.58¢	32.74¢	32.89¢	38.18€	30.5
Wool tops (Boston, lb.)	\$2.12	\$2.12	N.A.	\$2.00	\$1.
FINANCE					
90 stocks, price index (Standard & Poor's)	186.7	185.6	187.3	194.5	13
Medium grade corporate bond yield (Baa issues, Moody's)	3.86%	3.88%	3.88%	3.54%	3.05
Prime commercial paper, 4-to-6 months, N. Y. City (prevailing rate)	21-21%	2170	2470	21-2870	4-1
BANKING (Millions of dollars)					
Demand deposits adjusted, reporting member banks	52,796	52,801	53.059	53,024	1145,8
Total loans and investments, reporting member banks	78,906 23,110	78,916 23,035	79,385 22,965	76,723 21,854	††72,0 ††9,2
U. S. gov't guaranteed obligations held, reporting member banks	31,663	31,393	31,797	32,018	1149,8
Total federal reserve credit outstanding	26,252	26,228	26,071	24,963	23,8
MONTHLY FIGURES OF THE WEEK		Latest Month	Preceding Month	Year Ago	1946 Avera
Employment (in millions)September		62.3	63.4	62.3	5
Unemployment (in millions)September		1.2	1.2	1.4	1
Private expenditures for new construction (in millions) September		\$2,185	\$2,205	\$2,029	\$8
Public expenditures for new construction (in millions) September		\$1,125 \$287.0	\$1,118 \$287.5	\$1,131 \$271.3	\$1 \$17
Personal income (seasonally adjusted, in billions)		\$16.7	\$16.9	\$19.4	\$1
Manufacturers' inventories (seasonally adjusted, in billions)August		\$46.2	\$45.8	\$43.1	\$21
Consumer credit outstanding (in millions)		\$27,434	\$27,217	\$23,030	\$6,7
Installment credit outstanding (in millions)		\$21,058	\$20,854	\$16,728	\$3,1

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THE JOINT CHIEFS: Left to right: Air Force's Twining, Army's Ridgesy, chairman Radford, Navy's Carney.

# Facing Up to an Atomic World

This week, the Joint Chiefs of Staff gave Defense Secretary Wilson a report reviewing the entire military program of the United States. Their ideas are highly secret and still have to be approved by the National Security Council before any changes can be made. But, for the first time since inauguration, a new Eisenhower military policy is shaping up.

tary policy is shaping up.

• Turning Point—It's evident we've reached a turning point in U.S. his-

Úp to a few weeks ago, the weight of the atomic equation was still in our favor. It had been some time since we'd had a monopoly on the A-bomb, to be sure, but our production of A-bombs plus the possession of the H-bomb still gave the U.S. retaliatory power far beyond the Reds' ability to knock us out.

With that reassuring thought, we approached the leveling-off of military expenditures to our \$35-billion-a-year cold war plateau.

• Alarm—Today, pronouncements from the Pentagon and Capitol Hill state clearly that any margin the U.S. has now is more illusory than real. The Soviet, if it does not already have, will soon have the potential to deliver both H-bombs and A-bombs to multiple U.S. targets (page 200). So the U.S. is confronted with the reality that—should Russia strike first—we would perhaps suffer as much damage as we could deliver in retaliation.

• But No Billion—The new situation has not yet put an additional dollar into the program, though the Joint Chiefs are working with factors that could boost appropriations by billions. The chiefs have a breathing period now—with Korea fronts quiet—but you can expect the tipoff on Eisenhower's "new defense for new times" in the form of a supplemental request to Congress in the early spring.

### I. The Nature of Defense

JCS chairman Radford and his military chiefs of staff have had to face up to these tough, interlocking prob-

 They know we still need the footsoldier, the tank, and other conventional weapons in case another Korea is forced on us. But what about the H-bomb and intercontinental missiles?

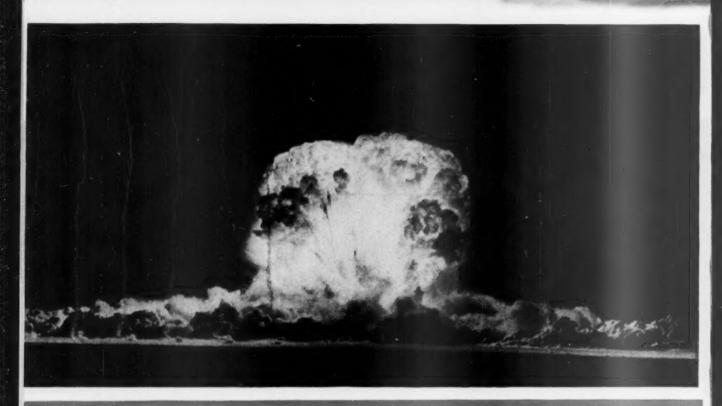
• They know a radar fence across North America, backed up by forces in depth, will cost billions and may be akin to the Maginot Line concept. But again, what about the growing Soviet stockpile of atomic weapons and the growing Soviet strategic air force?

• They know that to tear U.S. industry up by the roots and move it to dispersed areas is a nearly impossible task that would cost more billions. But how can you rely on an industrial base that the experts say the enemy can wipe out in one attack right now?

• Three Spheres—There are three main subjects the Pentagon has to take into account in planning defense strategy:

Korea. Although the shooting is over, military men can no longer count on either reducing forces there or cutting back on the costs of maintaining an army in the field during the armed truce. Until some real settlement is reached, we cannot afford to reduce our strength in Korea. Hence, the \$2-billion cut expected to result from a truce is now shrinking to about \$1-billion.

Continental defense. The National



# Conventional warfare worked in Korea and there may be more such wars . . .

Security Council has decided that defense of U.S. factories and cities is sadly lacking and that immediate steps must be taken to beef up our protection from an A-bomb or H-bomb attack. First steps will be makeshift measures. But up for consideration is a long-range program to make America as nearly bomb-proof as it can be made.

Ability to produce weapons. The industrial base concept—relying on arms production capacity rather than standing armies—is now on shaky ground. With the Reds capable of quickly crippling American industry in a surprise attack, top strategists feel we are leaving ourselves in a much too vulnerable position.

This week Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson said America must go underground or out to the Rockies. His statement may mean another effort to gear plant expansion specifically to civil defense planning, but the job is an almost impossible one.

# II. The Korea Buildup

The present U.S. military machine started its rebuilding just before the Korean war broke out. From a defensive standpoint, military men figure that Korea was a lucky break. It forced us to double our military

strength in little over a year. But Korea also caused the bulk of the war machine to be built along World War II lines. Had we gone into total war at that time, we would have been ready to fight—but to fight an old-fashioned war, not an atom war.

• The Plan—The basic planning behind the buildup was simple. Instead of going all-out in 1950, we aimed at a force of 3.5-million men—about 25% of our World War II strength—and proceeded to build our arms capacity.

The planning was geared to the idea that, once the arms production base was built, our ability to produce weapons would be virtually limitless. The men in uniform and the equipment on hand would be sufficient to fight an old-style war in Korea. Meanwhile, the strategic Air Force, with its ability to carry the atom bomb to any target in Soviet Russia, would prevent the Reds from launching any all-out war.

 Temporizing—But we weren't sure just how much time we would have, nor were we sure how much of a military program the country would support without an all-out war. So the defensive features of the industrial base had to be made secondary.

The planners had to let industry concentrate around the traditional centers, rather than scattering it around the country in units too small to make good target areas.

• Bad Guess—We figured our technological advancement was maybe three years ahead of the Russians. The figuring on technological superiority was off. We underestimated Russian atomic developments. We were brought up short by their tests that showed they had the H-bomb way ahead of time. So now military men are afraid we may have underestimated Russian development of other weapons, too.

Military intelligence has information from behind the Iron Curtain that the Reds are coming along rapidly with guided missiles, fighter aircraft, and long-range bombers. For example: Though Secretary Wilson himself said last week that the best big bomber the Reds have is their copy of the B-29, Air Force insiders say the Russians recently activated their first group of TU-75 intercontinental bombers, with the range and speed of our B-36.

The result of all this is a feeling in the Pentagon that we may have reached a turning point in warfare—that we need to reshuffle our entire military picture.

# III. Defense First

If the new program shifts more to building a Bastion America, as a number



# but Soviet Russia's atomic armament calls for a new kind of military force.

of experts figure it will, there will have to be a change in the composition of our military strength.

• Radar Net-Every study by the National Security Council or the Pentagon calls for the building of a defensive radar line across the northern hemisphere. This line, already being built, has become known as the McGill Line (McGill University made an early study for it). But this electronic defense line has to be backed by interceptors, guided missiles, antiaircraft units, and thousands of men.

The McGill Line envisions a constant radar and combat alert with stations every 20-30 mi. across Canada. This would be in addition to the defenses required to protect against missile attacks from submarines off shore.

 Manning It—The military has already taken some steps toward air defense.
 Pentagon planners are now figuring on putting 75 of the National Guard's 100 or so antiaireraft battalions on a minuteman alert status. Their job: to protect cities and towns in a last-ditch stand in case of attack.

Adm. Radford and his new chiefs would like to see the men and equipment necessary to support a new continental defense program come out of U. S. forces already on duty. But there's little chance of that.

For one thing, until a real agreement is reached in Korea, we'll have to maintain our forces there. And to make sure that European nations keep on working toward a European army of 50 divisions, we must keep most of our men in Europe if they're already there.

# IV. New Strategy

It's a military axiom that new weapons bring changes in tactics but do not alter strategy very much. That's why the basic strategy will not be torn apart and rebuilt under the new Joint Chiefs' planning. But the methods of carrying out strategy will change.

• At Home—For the first time since the War of 1812, U.S. military planners must build a program geared to a grim possibility: We may be fighting a foreign power on or above our own soil. And their figuring can't be confined to army movements and battlelines. This time, the military have to figure on absolutely destroying the vast majority of the attacking force, and then be able to turn around and hit the enemy in such a way that he can never recover.

• New Emphasis—What it adds up to is far less emphasis on the foot soldier, tanks, artillery, destroyers, cruisers, and battlewagons. The main elements will be a striking force of bombers, a hunterkiller force of warships and aircraft seeking out submarines, an interceptor force of fighters directed by a widespread early-warning electronic network, and batteries of antiaircraft and guided missile battalions.

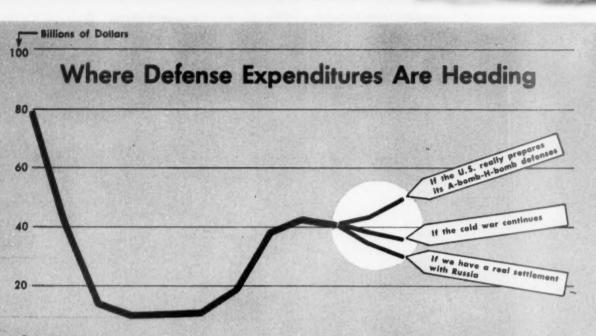
But we still have to keep the other elements, too, just in case we still have to fight more old-style wars.

# V. The Cost—in Money

These new elements would cost billions on top of what has already been spent. You hear estimates that range anywhere from \$1-billion to \$20-billion a year extra. But figures that the Pentagon sends to Congress next year will be the tipoff as to exactly how much the military thinking has changed.

The change will not come in the regular fiscal 1955 military appropriation request. It will most likely come in a supplemental appropriation.

• Downtrend—The trend right now on military spending is down. We peaked in fiscal 1953 with \$43.9-billion. By the end of this fiscal year, in June, 1954, it will be down to around \$41.7-billion. And, assuming a real settlement with Russia were reached, the present program would diminish by at least \$55-billion a year for the next couple of years anyway. If we continued with the present sort of cold war with no major change in defense strategy, total military



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# Defense spending may turn sharply upward again.

spending would level off in fiscal 1956 to somewhere around \$35-billion.

• Back Up—If the National Security Council and the President approve the defensive program required to make meaningful preparations for A- and H-bomb defense, military spending is going to turn around and climb back uphill. Total spending for the first full year, say 1955—including maintenance of forces already active—would probably run between \$43-billion and \$45-billion. Depending on the speed of the buildup and how much defense was required initially, spending might hit close to \$50-billion in the second year.

## VI. The Cost-in Men

Even if there's a shift in military emphasis away from the World War II type of action, the cost in manpower will be high.

The defensive features need a lot of new men. In addition, the Army stands to lose up to 40% of its men next year as draft periods and enlistments run out. These men will have to be replaced by newer draftees and new enlistments.

# VII. Inventory

The Army right now has the equivalent of seven full divisions in Korea, with little chance of reshuffling these men until a real settlement is reached. In Europe, there are five more divisions, plus equivalent elements to make up a sixth—again with little chance of pulling out anything.

Another full Army division is in Japan. There are seven-mostly understrength-in the U.S., and a number of regimental units are scattered around in various places like Puerto Rico, Panama, Alaska, and Hawaii.

The Marine Corps has one division and one air wing in the U.S., and two divisions plus two air wings in the Far East.

The Navy is now operating about 1,100 active ships, of which 400 are major combatant ships, plus the equivalent of about 20 air groups. It has 33 carriers: 12 in the Pacific, 16 in the Atlantic, and five in shipyards.

The Air Force has approximately 106 wings on active duty. Of these, 12 are in Europe, plus one or two strategic bombing wings under a rotational program overseas; 19 are in the Far East; two or three are scattered around U.S. possessions.

## VIII. Industrial Plant

Last week, ODM boss Arthur S. Flemming submitted his quarterly report to the President. His conclusions:

 The needs of partial mobilization have been largely met.  Any new mobilization plans to back up a different kind of military effort will have to wait until the President and the National Security Council decide what that military effort is going to be

The big new thing of the Flemming report was the emphasis given to atomic attack. In times past ODM has relegated civilian and industrial protection to a few paragraphs at the tag end of its report.

• Keeping Going—This time, though, Flemming gave as the first requirement of a mobilization program:

"We must be ready to continue the operations of government and our essential production immediately following an attack on the continental United States."

Actually, ODM and the Commerce Dept. are well prepared to give the only incentive they now have to encourage protection—five-year tax amortization. Requirements have already been set up for granting extra special amortization for companies that meet civil defense specifications.

The program has been in the works since last spring, but so far only one company has been granted a certificate. Cincinnati Mılling Machine Co. was allowed to write off in five years 100% of its \$500,000 civil defense construction—blast walls, bomb shelters, and strengthening existing structures.

# Retailers Hope for Merriest Christmas

Merchants across the country aren't excited about Christmas. It just looks like the best yet.

Last year's Christmas set the all-time record. Retailers expect to top it this year. Some think they'll do as much as 10% better than in 1952.

The baby boom is regarded as a firm base to sale of toys for years to come.

Customers have money to spend, and they're ready to spend it for good quality items. Quality is better this year, and more imported items are on the shelves.

Last Christmas sales season was the best the stores had ever known (BW-Jan.10'53,p25). Yet even the more conservative retailers queried by BUSINESS WEEK this week think 1953 will be just as good. And some guess as high as 10% over last season.

Why? City after city reports employment high, liquid savings up from last year, quality of merchandise improved without rise in prices-in all, an orderly stage setting for a great giftbuying splurge. And Christmas Week will have one more selling day than

Not the least of the compelling factors toward buying, retailers say, is the baby boom. "Just think," marveled a Columbus store manager, "we've had 31-million kids born in the country this year-and they'll all have to have a gift of some sort."

Not to mention the millions born last year and the years before.

· Playthings-Almost without exception, stores expect toys to do better than any other line. Better, too, than any other year. And buying will be strongest in some of the fancy-tag items: pedal-car tractors, the more elaborate electric trains, the overgrown and overstuffed toy animals that probably please the adult givers more than the juvenile recipients.

An Atlanta retailer, however, suggests that wheel goods sales-terrific a year ago-may decline in favor of popular new games. More stores will be going in for special kiddie promotion stunts this year than ever before, BUSINESS WEEK reporters learned. A Salt Lake City store will put its clerks in clown suits and animal costumes; a Cleveland store plans to draw extra traffic by stabling live reindeer, in rhinestone-studded harnesses, in redwood stalls near Santa's throne.

Christmas promotions in Columbus, at least, will be delayed until after Thanksgiving. Last year, Santa arrived in shirtsleeve weather, and women's clubs begged merchants not to start so early again-"the kids were disillusioned last year and lost interest."

Whoop-te-do in toy departments isn't considered essential to stimulating a buying urge. It's just a competitive gesture. After all, as a Milwaukee mer-chant points out, "they never take it away from the kids."

· Do It Yourself-Another hot line of goods will be the do-it-yourself field, storekeepers expect. They're planning special displays. They'd like this category to offset the expected poor year for men's wear. "The women and children ordinarily come first," says a Salt Lake City manager, "and men's wear runs dull.

· Wrought Iron-Similarly, stores as widely separated as Providence, R. I., and San Diego, Calif., talk hopefully of the vogue for wrought iron as a spur to the normally slow home furnishings season. A San Diego store counts wrought iron pieces-from desk pieces to barbecue sets-among its fastest sellers in recent months. Attractive and not expensive, it could be a top-ranking

• Appliances-Prospects for television sets are good or bad according to the degree of local saturation. Most cities see no rainbow for TV, yet a Milwaukee store looks for a big season of selling TV receivers as "gifts for the whole family." That's because two new UHF stations have just opened in Milwaukee to augment the single VHF station; some families are in the market for second sets.

TV sets are also popular gifts in Salt Lake City. Table radios, too.

Other appliances are slow in most localities, and no Christmas season is expected for them. An exception may be Cleveland, where retailers see a swing back from TV to white goods. Boston also anticipates a good season for other appliances, with electric blan-

kets running strong.

• Apparel-Women's and children's wear should be reliable, as usual, the merchants say. Many managers mention cashmere sweaters and coats for women as especially desired. Lingerie is always good. For men, fancy vests and imported tweed jackets are leading

• Trends-More imported goods will be on the shelves this year, retailers expect. A Columbus store is having an Import Fair this month; others are featuring imported goods through various other promotion stunts.

Books, particularly nonfiction and specifically art books, are considered to be on the upswing in public favor. A Houston dealer says he has built up the highest inventory ever, and he's not worried about disposing of his stock.

Luxury items have sagged in the past two years. That means furs and the more expensive perfumes and jewelry. But moderately priced perfumes and jewelry are rated high on the bestselling list, and specialty stores in Los Angeles mention furs as one of their mainstays.

"There are always a few guys," says a Pittsburgh manager, "who buy ex-pensive bedjackets, dolls, furs, jewelry. Most of them are the last-minute guys who get filled with the hail-fellow spirit and have the money to throw around.'

• Quality-The average shopper this season will be looking for good quality even more than low price, retailers agree. That's a continuation of the upgrading of the past year or so, they

"Where we offer two or three grades of the same merchandise, the best quality-at the higher price-consistently outsells the cheaper items," says a Chicago merchant.

To one Milwaukee storekeeper, this means stress on maintaining quality: "People may forget the price they paid but they'll never forget or forgive poor quality." But another Milwaukee retailer warns that this doesn't mean people don't watch pennies or dollars: "Women aren't buying a \$2.98 costume belt when a 98¢ one will do just as

· Inventories-When you ask about ordering for the Christmas season, retailers hover between two cliches:

 "We can get what we want when we want it—there's no longer a shortage of anything."

• "You can't sell what you don't

The consensus of retailer opinion is that inventories, over-all, are either equal to last year or up to 10% higher.





TV SET was door prize, kids attacked cokes.



TRADE-IN appraisals had to be fast.



HOWARD BYRNE jubilantly tallied sales.



LIGHTS BLAZED into the night as publicity attracted hundreds. Doors opened at 6 a.m., didn't close until late-comers drifted out. Seven to nine was the rush period as . . .

# "48 Cars in 48 Hours:"

At 6 a.m. last Friday, 10 customers, still sleepy-eyed, cheerfully helped lug a large container of coffee and boxes of doughnuts into a White Plains (N. Y.) automobile showroom. It was the kickoff of one of the most hullaballooed car sales in the area. The two-day sale, staged by Byrne Bros., Lincoln-Mercury dealer, was thrown at suburbanites by radio, newspaper, handbill, and sound truck for nearly a week in advance. The goal: to sell 48 new Mercurys in two days.

Dealer Austin Byrne insisted that his was no "distress sale," but he readily admitted that he, like other dealers all over the country, was having a tough time unloading stocks of 1953 models, with the 1954s just over the hill (BW–Oct.3'53,p29).

Byrne Bros. billed their "bonanza" as "48 cars in 48 hours." They had the usual door prizes, free cokes, lollipops for the kids, and TV for World Series addicts.

On the financial side, Byrne was ready to trim prices. How much depended on the price of the car but the allowances averaged perhaps \$400. If you had a trade-in, this bonus was tacked onto the trade value. Actually, these terms were not very much better than Byrne and other dealers in suburban New York had been offering right



SOUND TRUCK was updated for second day. Ex-adman Austin Byrne engineered pitch.



CUSTOMERS SWIRLED around salesmen, who tried feverishly to keep tabs on many deals on the fire. Lack of space hurt, but Byrne Bros. managed to sell . . .

# Ballyhoo Whoops Up Sales

along. Appraisals on the trade-ins ran pretty tough but the allowance made up for that.

Hard selling was the order of both days as tough-minded customers haggled eagily with harried salesmen. One man dickered for two hours over a trade-in, seemed to waver, and then stalked off to a nearby competitor. Another man just dropped in—and drove off with a new hard top 15 min. later. A regular customer, who had bought a new Mercury a few months before, came in with battery trouble and ended up with a new car.

Not all the sales were that casual. The eight-man staff, bolstered by Austin and Howard Byrne, tottered home exhausted at 11 p.m. the first day with half the 48 cars sold.

Only one customer turned up at 6 a.m. Saturday morning, but he was sold in an hour. The publicity wailed on unrelentingly and the sound truck was backed up by a huge sign-draped carrier bearing four Mercurys.

When it ended at 11 p.m. Saturday, Byrne had sold 50 cars, had a packet of prospects. Half the sales were cash.

prospects. Half the sales were cash. Said Austin Byrne, "From the stand-point of store traffic, the results were sensational." Sales weren't bad, either: \$2,400 worth of publicity had sold \$135,000 worth of cars.



PROSPECT on way to Macy's stopped by.



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WIFE hastily emptied old car, and . . .



FREE BREAKFAST drew healthy morning crowds, kept weary salesmen primed.



FAMILY drove off, continued shopping.

# Patent Giveaway

Court orders GE to throw open all light bulb patents to the public. Antitrusters see it as a landmark case.

A federal district court in New Jersey last week set the stage for some significant changes in the electric light bulb industry. At the same time, it set up what government attorneys think will be a landmark in antitrust law.

What the court did was spell out the terms to enforce a ruling that it had made almost five years ago when it found the General Electric Co. had monopolized and restrained the incandescent lamp industry through illegal use of patents and licensing agreements. The terms, with a few exceptions, are just about what the government's anti-trusters wanted.

• Long Road—Short of a Supreme Court appeal—and there is a good chance for an appeal by GE—this is the last step in 12 years of litigation between the government and GE over monopoly charges filed in 1941.

Six of the other eight companies accused at that time of helping GE maintain its industry position are directly included in the terms of the judgment. Two others—Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the Corning Glass Works—signed consent judgments before Judge Phillip Forman ruled for the government in 1949.

• Impact—The immediate object of the court's action is to end GE's dominance in electric bulbs. But its meaning and impact extend beyond that.

These are the major terms of Judge Forman's order:

• GE must dedicate to the public all existing GE patents covering manufacture of electric light bulbs and parts —the first time in antitrust history such a measure has been ordered by a court.

GE must also grant any applicant, on a royalty-free basis, any or all existing GE patents on machinery used to make light bulbs.

• GE must grant any applicant, on a reasonable royalty, any or all GE patents developed in the next five years covering bulbs, parts, or machinery, provided the applicant shares its own new developments with GE.

• GE must fill the demand by any user of any existing or future bulb, parts, or machinery patents for complete technical information—including blueprints—on GE's method of using the patent.

These provisions obviously will have far reaching consequences in a modern economy greatly dependent on technological research. Government antitrusters say that the GE case in many ways is as important today as the first Standard Oil Co. case, the American Tobacco Co. case, and the sugar monopoly case were in the early days of the Sherman act.

• Two Sides-The inclusion in Forman's judgment of the dedication of patents provision-which amounts literally to making an immediate, outright gift-was the key demand pressed by government attorneys after they won the antitrust conviction. GE opposed the provision mightily on several grounds in presenting its side of what the judgment should contain. General Electric argues that Westinghouse and Corning ought to grant back to GE any of their existing patents in return-otherwise, said GE, competitors will be able to move ahead but block GE's technological advance. Most significant, perhaps, is GE's position that manufacturers of products other than lamps might use GE patents to make lamps for their own use and unfairly profit. That is, automobile makers for one-Ford, GM, and Chrysler-could economically make their own bulbs and parts with free GE patents; the same thing would now apply to airplane manufacturers and others incorporating electric bulbs into their products.

But Judge Forman overruled these objections. He said dedication was imposed, not to punish GE but to check competitive advantages gained under the old patents. Reciprocal licensing of GE's dedicated and royalty-free patents, Forman said, would perpetuate GE's industry dominance, which the judgment was designed to end.

Forman rejected the government's demand for divestiture of 50% of GE's bulb and parts production facilities.

# Tire Prices Take Out-of-season Jump

When U.S. Rubber hiked its prices on tires by 2½% to 5% last week, the public was astonished, even if the trade

wasn't.

There were plenty of reasons for the boost by U.S. Rubber and all the other major tire makers, which tagged along after it. Labor costs, in the form of recent boost said to cost the industry \$75-million a year, were the biggest. Plenty of other cost items had risen, too, since the last previous tire price hikes, in 1950. Just about everything was up except natural rubber, down by about two-thirds.

What astonished the public was the timing of the rise, which came when tire sales were dragging seasonally, and inventories were reported to be high. Boosts usually come in a time of heavy demand.

Auto Merger?

The auto industry guesses that Nash and Hudson, caught in the competitive squeeze, may get together.

The growing competitive pressure from the auto industry's Big Three promises to put such a squeeze on the independents in 1954 that some may be forced to merge or drop out in 1955. That's the background for reports in the air of some kind of joint operation by two or more independents.

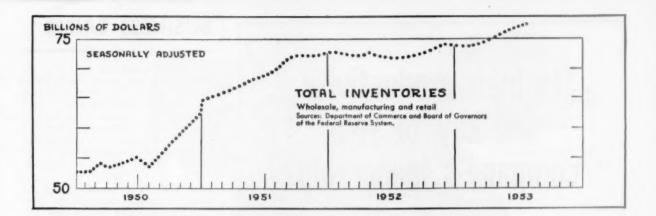
• In the Air—Nash-Kelvinator Corp. and Hudson Motor Car Co. are two companies said to be involved. Neither denies that there may be some conversations between them, thus leaving the clear impression that the talks are serious. Even more significant, George Mason, the head of Nash, apparently did not start by talking to A. E. Barit, Hudson's president, but rather first tried to line up the three principal stock-holding groups. The fact that the rumors still persist seems to be an indication that Mason has got some encouragement from the real owners of Hudson.

Both companies have felt the effects of stepped-up competition this year with resulting production shutdowns from time to time. Benefits of combining—the possibility of big savings in overhead and combined purchasing power and of bolstering dealer setups—would put them in a stronger position than the other independents in 1955—the earliest such a complex deal is

likely to be arranged.

• Dual Setup—There are strong hints that any team-up of Nash and Hudson would not result in the disappearance of either brand name. The feeling in Detroit evidently is that the names of autos that have survived to date are too valuable to be scrapped. An actual merger of the two companies, with brand names preserved, would produce a company whose combined sales so far this year would make it the top-volume independent. Both have models in the low, medium, and upper-medium price fields.

• Merger Alternatives—If Nash and Hudson work out something other than a straightaway merger, the joint co-operative venture might operate in several different ways. Bodies and frames, made as units by both companies, could be standardized as to size and thus provide longer, more economical production runs. Or dealers might be put in a better position if they sold both lines of cars and could cash in on brand name preferences of both.



### **Economists caution:**

# Cut your Inventories...

### ... and here is a practical way!

While deliveries are still slow on a few steel products, most types and shapes are in good supply. And every day brings more evidence that a free and easy market for all steel products is not far away.

This situation obviously calls for a closer watch on steel inventories. However, steel demand has outrun supply for so long that a clear statement of the alternatives may be in order.

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### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Freight cost absorption by part of the steel industry has become a fact (BW—Scp.19'53,p30). U.S. Steel announced it would reduce delivered prices in competitive cases. National Steel, Jones & Laughlin, and several smaller companies promptly followed suit. Bethlehem Steel and others are reported still on the fence. No legal hitches are expected.

New York State moved to end the runoff of residents' savings into other states offering higher interest rates. The Albany authorities removed all restrictions on the interest rates that may be paid by New York savings banks, savings and loan associations, and by commercial banks on time deposits.

Ire on the Great Lakes is rising, after the collision of a bulk carrier and the German motorship Wallschiff. Bulk carrier skippers have long predicted such a crash, which they blame on inadequate pilotage of foreign salt-water vessels on the lakes. The Wallschiff had a 15-year-old boy at the wheel and a 76-year-old pilot in charge, and was in the wrong channel when it was sunk. The skippers want every ship to carry two pilots thoroughly familiar with the upper lakes.

Mergers: Timken-Detroit Axle Co. and Standard Steel Spring Co. have united to form the Rockwell Spring & Axle Co., with combined assets of over \$155-million. . . Stromberg-Carlson Co. has acquired the Southern Electric & Transmission Co., of Dallas, a maker of wire carrier electronic equipment.

Plywood price cuts are spreading. U.S. Plywood Corp. and Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. both trimmed 5% off the price of Douglas fir plywood. Other mills are expected to tag along.

Nickel controls on civilian use will end Nov. 1. But Defense Mobilizer Arthur Flemming says the controls will be continued for military, stockpile, and atomic energy use. Civilian manufacturers will have a free hand with the nickel they can get, but they are not expected to be able to fill their needs for many months.



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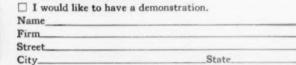
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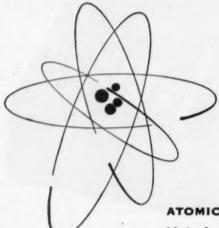
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# WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON BUREAU OCT. 10, 1953



Business implications of the A- and H-bombs are becoming clearer. It will be months before the Administration fully makes up its mind on how to meet this threat from Russia. Statements of top Washington officials are confusing, often conflicting. But a shift in defense policy is indicated (page 27). The big question: How far and how fast?

Short-term prospects aren't much involved. In the next six months or so, initial steps will be too slow and too small to reverse the softening business trend. A real effort for agreement with Russia will be made before there is any big step-up.

But the long-term outlook may be changing. The talk is that early next year the Administration will ask an additional half-billion, to speed up continental defense. Then, if efforts at an understanding between the East and West fail, the extra defense spending would jump into the billions.

Such a reversal of policy would be felt in production, prices, and sales.

#### Here's what Eisenhower is up against:

The old picture of World War III was that Russia would start it by marching into West Europe. We were able to use this danger to push our European allies into rearming. They bought the idea, for a while.

The new concept of World War III is entirely different: The first strike would be at the U.S.—a try for a one-punch knockout of the West's arsenal. The U.S. would strike back. Estimates of the devastation to the two countries run beyond belief. And there are signs our European allies feel their greatest safety is in just lying back. Anyhow, they are increasingly reluctant to follow the U.S. lead.

Key goals of the President are at stake. A balanced budget has been at the top of his objectives. He may have to give it up.

Preliminary decisions will be made this fall. A moderate increase in defense spending will start next year. Defense Secretary Wilson has practically said that a \$500-million supplemental request will go up to Congress early next year, and that may be only the starter.

You can anticipate the fields in which new defense demands will fall, keeping in mind that government spending in one line tends to support other lines—especially when you resort to deficit financing.

Electronics tops the list. The \$500-million Wilson has in mind is to step up the radar network (McGill Line) in Canada.

More planes would be next. A better warning system isn't worth much unless you have ways to intercept and shoot down the attackers.

Guided missiles come right behind planes and may even surge ahead. So, more defense means more spending in this field.

Antiaircraft guns come last; they are useful mostly after attackers are over the targets. National Guard units will be put on an alert basis.

Questions behind the A- and H-bomb debate, and the answers, with allowance for the wide divergences in official views:

### WASHINGTON OUTLOOK (Continued)

WASHINGTON BUREAU OCT. 10, 1953 Can Russia hit us with a devastating attack? The consensus is she can. The dispute is on when. Wilson thinks Russia needs three more years.

How great would the damage be? Here, the answers are merely guesses. But in an attempt for a one-punch knockout, all important centers of population—say over 100,000—would be targets. Casualty estimates are unbelievable.

Tax prospects won't change much because of any shift in preparedness. Long range, they will follow spending up or down. But short range, the big factor is politics—Congressional elections next year, for example.

Individual income taxes will be cut Jan. 1-\$3-billion for consumers.

The excess profits tax will go, too-\$2-billion for the companies.

The regular corporation rate is not at all sure to be cut. The tax is supposed to drop from 52% to 47% Apr. 1. But Eisenhower is opposed to this cutback. There may be a compromise, around 50%.

Excise rates are up in the air. Cuts scheduled in the law for spring would save consumers over \$1-billion. But the Administration is opposed.

Commerce Secretary Weeks is having his troubles. He would like his agency to be a strong voice for business, just as the Labor Dept. in times gone by has spoken for the unions. But he must compromise.

The Justice Dept. doesn't like advisory councils of businessmen. Justice thinks they might run afoul of the antitrust laws. So, Weeks is setting up his business and defense advisory service along NPA lines. He will rely on industry advisory committees with narrowly defined purposes and with government career men as chairmen—even though he considers them less strong than councils.

On business prospects, the Administration is up in the air. Official line is that "Sure, the boom is over. But business is sound, basically."

There's plenty of closed-door worry about recession. Yet what, if anything, should be done to cushion a letdown is a question that must await Eisenhower's decision on defense. If there's a defense step-up of any consequence, the figuring is that present soft spots will disappear.

If other stimulants should be needed to stop a business slide-off, here's the priority range set up by Eisenhower advisers:

Ease up on the credit supply, to make more funds available to borrowers. There has been some easing already. But other steps can be taken.

Then, cut taxes. This second move would play hob with budget balancing. But it would give individuals and business more money to spend.

Public works come last—to be used if worst comes to worst.

The Administration's underlying philosophy: A really serious recession simply can't develop at a time when Washington is pro-business and when world conditions are so uncertain. This attitude indicates that Washington would try at first to sweat out a dip and might be late if stimulants are needed.



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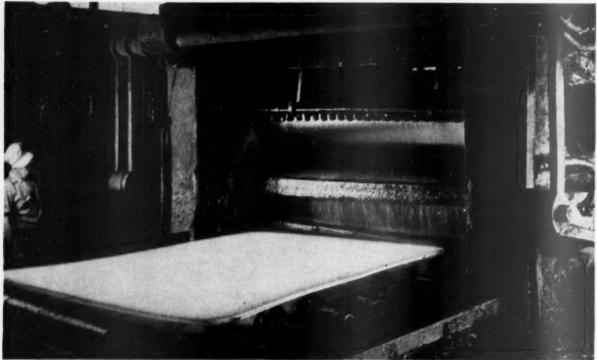
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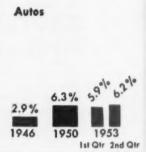
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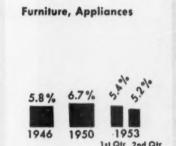


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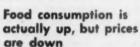




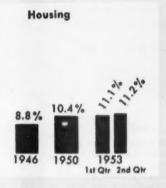
Durables are holding their postwar gains

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# the New Buying Pattern Last?

One of the things that has puzzled economists all through the postwar era has been the extraordinary rate at which the U.S. consumer has bought autos, appliances, furniture, and other durable goods. This has been a source of considerable wonderment-and also of some worry.

The wonderment stems from the fact that the rate has stayed so high for so long. At first observers tended to treat it as a temporary and somewhat freakish development. One thing that contributed to this frame of mind was a purely statistical quirk. The high

rate of durable buying tended to make department store figures a not-veryaccurate yardstick-they had been a good one during the 1930s-of total retail sales. Department stores sell so high a percentage of soft goods that their stock no longer conforms to the total sales picture.

· Discretionary-The worry stemmed from the thought of what would happen when the rate of durable goods sales returned to that of the 1930s. This in turn led to a considerable amount of worry over so-called discretionary spending, that huge area of consumer expenditure that can be deferred.

Every time there was a setback, people kissed off the hard goods boom for good. But as time went on and the high level stayed with us, it began to look as though the durable goods boom was more durable than anyone had dared hope. This has led some economists to change their minds about the implications involved.

Bulls and bears both start from the same fact: The ratio of durable goods sales to all consumer expenditures was running at 11.4% during the second quarter of this year. This is about the



same as the level in 1929—which immediately raises a question: Is this good or bad?

• Storm Signals—At first glance it might look as though we were getting storm signals of another crash. But was the high rate of durables buying the reason for the 1929 crash? Or was it a "normal" pattern for a prosperous period—a pattern that changed only after other factors had brought on the great depression?

Said one government economist last week, "I'm pretty bullish about automobiles and durables in general. I don't look for much more than seasonal dips."

This jibes with the most recent study of consumer buying intentions by the

Federal Reserve Board, which showed that the consumer planned no letup in his durable goods buying this year.

• Saturation—The whole picture has caused a careful second look at the basic idea of saturation, on which a lot of observers had pinned their belief in an eventual downturn in hard goods sales. The recent study by George Katona and Eva Mueller of the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan (BW—Oct.3'53,p146) brings this into focus. The authors of the study show two things about saturation: (1) An increased living standard in itself tends to generate the need and desire for more goods, which in turn stretches the previous standards of "saturation," and (2) in recent months,

• Lesser Changes—This raises the question of whether, assuming continued prosperity, a new pattern of sales has been established. Apart from the broad change, there have been localized alterations inside particular industries.

consumer psychology has had more to do with the level of buying than has

saturation.

For example, the slippage in the ratio of apparel sales to the whole has been worrying the garment industry for some time. Some observers think they see a permanent change in buying habits that will permanently depress apparel sales below their previous level. Other observers, however, are watching carefully to see whether the theory of the two-year cycle in clothing purchases will hold.

Services are due to take still a bigger chunk of the consumer's dollar than any time since the war. There is a strong price factor working in this area since controls over rent have gone off. Other services, including utilities, have also been creeping up.

There is also a price factor in food. We are actually eating more food than last year, thanks to both ever-increasing living standards and also to a greater population. But thanks on the other hand to lower agricultural prices, food's share of consumer expenditures has staved pretty steady.

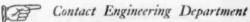
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### City-country Gap

... is still something to watch. So Easy Washing Machine is pushing its nonautomatic model in rural areas.

The great gap in customs, habits, and tastes that used to separate country from city in the U.S. has largely disappeared in the past decade or so. But it has not closed entirely, and the remaining differences still loom large enough to shape marketing strategy.

• Both Ways—The point is currently being driven home by Easy Washing Machine Corp., which next week will break a national advertising campaign for the Spiralator (\$289.95), the first automatic washer in the company's history. On the face of it, this would make it seem that Easy had finally decided to capitulate to progress.

The nub of the matter, however, lies in the fact that Easy next week will also break a campaign—mainly in farm publications—for its familiar Spindrier washer (\$179.95), a conventional washer with a spinner-drier action.

• Uneven Market—This seems to be flying in the face of the facts. This week Bendix Home Appliances, Inc., division of Avco Mfg. Corp., bet publicly that automatic washers will capture another 5% of the home laundry market in 1953. This would bring the automatics' share of sales to 56%.

But Easy's point is that acceptance of the new automatics is far from even. In some metropolitan areas the sale of automatics runs as high as 80%.

By contrast, rural areas and small towns run well behind the national average for sale of automatics—25% of the total market, according to studies. Easy's sales promotion manager, Richard Weiss, lays this disparity to a strong tendency in rural America to carry over habits from previous generations.

• Farm Picture—But there is more to it than just a conservative frame of mind. Weiss singles out a number of other reasons why the conventional machine so greatly outsells automatics in the country:

 Some rural communities don't have adequate water pressure for proper operation of the automatics.

 Farmers are chary of using too much hot water and soap, both of which automatics use lavishly.

 Monday is still the big washday down on the farm. The womenfolk still like to do all the week's washing on one day. And automatics just aren't big enough to take the heavy farm washes.

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# CBS Moves In as TV Maker

CBS-Columbia, network's two-year-old radio and TV manufacturing subsidiary, kicks off a big play for the market with a shindig for dealers, announcement of new color tube.

Last week, from its moorings in New Orleans, the CBS Columbia Showboat went cruising down the Mississippi for an evening sale. Aboard were some 1,500 dealers and dealer salesmen who had been lured with every blandishment in the book-teaser ads, spot announcements on radio and TV stations, direct mail, banners, entrance prizes that ranged from numerous small appliances to a trip to Havana. The object: to sell dealers on CBS-Columbia's line of radios and television sets.

During the afternoon, Wayne D. Bennett, president of Interstate Electric Co., CBS-Columbia distributor, had played host on board to some 6,800 representatives of John Q. Public.

This week, Columbia Broadcasting System gave its set-manufacturing subsidiary another boost. CBS announced a new color tube, which will go into CBS-Columbia receivers. This tube, says CBS, will cost considerably less than the RCA tube, and will work on bigger screens.

• Growing Baby—This announcement—and the Showboat hoopla in New Orleans—were the latest signals that a big name in broadcasting was moving in hard on a hot market. It was two years ago that Columbia Broadcasting System took over Hytron Radio & Electronics Corp., electronic tube manufacturer (BW—Jun.23'51,p28). As part of the deal, CBS also acquired Air King Products Co., radio-manufacturing subsidiary of Hytron. This deal took CBS a step further along the road to selling more than air—the road it took when it launched Columbia Records.

Air King was renamed CBS-Columbia, Inc., and was set up with its own president, David H. Cogan, formerly a Hytron executive. It has been marketing Columbia radios and TV receivers from the start, but only this year, with the acquisition of a new plant at Long Island City, is it set up with the production facilities to warrant an allout drive for the ever-tougher market.

• Clouds—In some ways this might not look like an ideal moment to launch a major sales campaign. It's true that TV and radio manufacturers are mostly predicting that 1953 will be a good year—and could very well be a record year. Sales at retail for the first seven months 1an an impressive 3.1-million units. A lot of big-name concerns, including Admiral, Philco, Radio Corp. of America, Motorola, and Magnavox, all reported over-all record sales

for the first six months of 1953.

But production has been moving even faster. For the first eight months this year it was the highest on record—close to 5-million units, and nearly 2.4-million ahead of the same 1952 period. If the industry should turn out 8-million sets, as it will if it keeps on at this rate says one manufacturer, getting rid of them at a profit might prove quite a problem.

Moreover, inventories are high, especially at the factory level. It's estimated that there are some 2.3-million TV sets in the trade pipelines now, against 2-million a year ago. At least one company reports that the usual fall pickup in sales has been slow in developing; any prolonged slump could spell a lot of trouble--dumping, price cutting, and

havoc generally.

• Consumer Question—There are certain factors in the picture that could persuade the consumer to put off sales for a while. One is the advent of color. Boni, Watkins, Mounteer & Co., Inc., New York consulting economists, are placing their bets that some 6.7-million people will buy sets during 1953—and that some 200,000 who would have bought will hold off to wait for color

(BW-Jul.25'53,p132).

Quality carries more weight than price with the consumer, according to the experts, but the number of price increases reported in the industry lately may still slow down buying some. RCA-Victor, Zenith, Admiral, Philco, Raytheon (on its interim models), and CBS-Columbia (on one model), all upped the tab.

• Hopes—While some manufacturers admit they are worried, the industry is mainly optimistic. There's a big replacement market for one thing. But all hands agree that the saving grace in the inventory situation is the new markets that are opening up with new TV stations.

What's more, for all the excitement over color, it's likely that the uncertainty about when the new sets will be available, and the prospect of its high cost, may steer a lot of would-be color buyers to black-and-white TV.

• Heat Is On—Whether the optimists on the pessimists prove right, there's sure to be a battle royal in the next months. Turn the pages of most any national consumer magazine and the reader is dazzled by claims and counterclaims from rival set makers.

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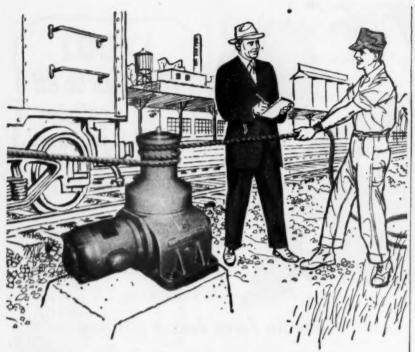
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battlefield that CBS-Columbia is plunging into. How does it propose to do it?

There's no simple formula that you can read on page 97 of Harvard Business School textbooks," says president Cogan. But to his mind CBS-Columbia has the three basic requirements:

Basic engineering talent-which is on tap both through the CBS-Hytron division and CBS Laboratories. It was this engineering pool that developed CBS-Columbia's 360 sound system, which the company has tagged "full fidelity".

Production efficiency-which Cogan expects to get particularly from the new plant. This, the company's second plant, brings capacity to some 400,000 sets a year.

Merchandising efficiency-a skill that CBS has developed to a fine point in other lines over the years. Here vicepresident Louis Hausman, who has worked with CBS for some years, will make use of all the tricks in his bagbacked up with a \$1-million advertising program for the next few months.

In merchandising, of course, the company has a tremendous assist in the name itself. "We've got the name in records and in programming," CBS officials say. "It's a question of projecting that name into a new field."

• Fast Maneuvers-On top of these ingredients, Cogan sees another-to his mind the most important asset of all. That is CBS-Columbia's flexibility. "You've got to be flexible if you come into a market late," says Cogan. "What we have to do is combine the massproduction techniques of the autoassembly line with the fast merchandising action of the fashion trade.

One good reason for the flexibility is the degree of autonomy that CBS allows CBS-Columbia. "We make our own decisions and our own mistakes,' Cogan says

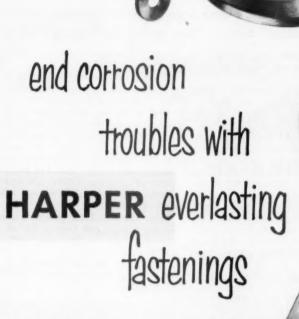
. On Its Feet-In the two short years of its life, CBS-Columbia has already made considerable strides. "We started 68th on the list," says Cogan. "Now we're 10th." It has set up some 75 distributorships, in every major market in the country.

Getting distributors (all but one are independent) wasn't so difficult as it might sound. The realignment of sales setups of some appliance manufacturers -the unification of Bendix and Crosley organizations is a case in point (BW-Jul.25'53,p142)—enabled CBS-Columbia to walk in.

• In the Stretch-Finally, in two areas CBS-Columbia is getting an even start with its competitors. One is the new black-and-white market that the new stations will open up. The other is in the wide-open field of color.

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# The Retail Profit Score

Smaller concerns have edge over big ones on net income from sales . . . Lane Bryant battles Dorothy and Dick over "stylish stout" ads . . . New guides for that new leisure.

What department and specialty stores bring down the largest net income from sales?

L. M. Demarest & Associates, a New York firm of engineers and statisticians, has just made an effort to answer the question with a study of the net income of 88 stores and store groups. The resulting list makes interesting reading. One of the things that stand out immediately is the absence of the nation's biggest among the Demarest list of the 10 top-ranking retailers.

Those with the best percent of profit include Diana Stores of New York (\$20.8-million annual sales) with a net income to sales of 4.84%, Richman Bros. of Cleveland (\$30.2-million) with 4.53%, Best & Co. of New York (\$35.4-million) with 4.04%. Largest retailer among the first 10 is San Fran-

cisco's Emporium Capwell (\$70.8-million) with 4.21%

To find a concern doing \$100-million or better you have to drop down to May Department Stores in 13th place.

But if the big stores didn't rank so high as some of the smaller stores, they didn't drop down so low, either. Among the concerns well below the average are the exclusive Manhattan men's store, Brooks Bros., which had a net income of 0.82%. Other low-scorers: Carson Pirie Scott (0.77%) and Milliron's (0.09%).

The Marshall Field group of stores hit the average net income for all 88 concerns right on the nose with its 2.49%.

Here's the way the \$100-million-orover concerns that were listed by Demarest rank:

		(in millions)	Net Income
May Dept. Stores	 	\$447.5	3.61%
J. C. Penney	 	. 1,079.2	3.44
Bullocks	 	. 117.9	3.03
Federated Dept. Stores	 	. 447.8	3.02
Hecht Co	 	. 102.8	2.94
Associated Dry Goods	 	. 158.4	2.85
Morcantile Stores	 dinas pintis	. 128.6	2.69
Marshall Field	 	. 225.5	2.49
Allied Stores	 	. 501.8	2.41
Broadway-Hale Stores	 	. 102.5	1.96
Lerner Stores	 	. 154.4	1.85
City Stores	 	. 232.4	1.81
Jimbel Bres	 	. 291.6	1.63
R. H. Macy	 	. 332.1	1.09
Goldblatt Bros			1.08

### Fats in the Fire

A couple of weeks ago on their husband-and-wife radio chat show, Dorothy and Dick, Dorothy Kilgallen and Richard Kollmar discussed the ads run by stores, such as Lane Bryant, that cater to stout women. Said Dorothy: "Now we come to the matrons who . . . just can't get into anything but a stylish stout."

Said Dick: "This is the slob size."
Said Dorothy: "They'll advertise the women's dress and they'll say this is available in sizes 36 to 44."

Said Dick: "But heaven help them

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if they ever really show an illustration." · Reaction-Lane Bryant and many of its customers reacted fast to Dick Kollmar's use of the word "slob." The store wrote the Kollmars: "Salesgirls were told by customers that you had insulted them . . . called them 'slobs'." Then it added, "Actually the stout women who do shop in Lane Bryant don't consider themselves unattractive.'

The Kollmars in the meantime squeezed the controversy for more juice on several of their programs, with Lane Bryant receiving more than occasional mention. Then Lane Bryant ran a newspaper ad ("We have a bone to pick.") complaining about a "radio couple" who seem to "suffer from the delusion that there is only one type of female beauty." But further down in the ad Lane Bryant gave ground: "We have a confession to make. We, too, have accepted perhaps too completely this worship of wispiness and have shown in our advertisements rather slim versions of the merchandise we sell to larger women.'

The upshot could be that Lane Bryant models will have to put on a few pounds, thus providing Dorothy and Dick with meat for a few more programs. Sweet are the uses of obesity.

### Updates: Leisure

The impact of increasing leisure time in the U.S. is getting a lot of attention this fall (BW-Sep.12'53, p142; Sep.19'53,p144). Here are two new developments:

An afternoon session (Oct. 20) of the 22nd annual New York Herald Tribune Forum will be devoted to the subject "Time on Our Hands." It will be a discussion of how the extra hours of leisure created by technological advances can best be put to use.

The Retirement Handbook, by Joseph C. Buckley, has just been published by Harper & Bros. (\$3.95). The author, a New York ad agency executive, calls his book "a complete planning guide to your future." It covers such matters as how to manage your money for retirement security, where to live in retirement, and new careers in small businesses and farming. Buckley wrote the book after a friend told him his retirement plans included fishing and not much else. Buckley answered: "You can fish for 90 days—what then?"

Meanwhile, for those with the leisure to read about the past generations' ideas on leisure, Mentor books is bringing out a 35¢ edition of the acid-soaked The Theory of the Leisure Class, classical work by the controversial, early 20th-century economist, Thorstein Ve-

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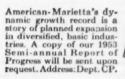
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a Black & Decker drill equipped to draw cores from random sacks. Shrinkage, percentage of foreign matter and other facts are quickly determined. This technique was developed by the Department of Agriculture and U. S. Testing Laboratory; could readily be adapted to fast, economical sampling of any similar substance in bulk.

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### MARKETING BRIEFS

Santa Claus as usual is the verdict for most concerns that give business gifts. A survey by Advertising Requirements magazine found that 60% of the companies would give such presents this year. Tide magazine, in another survey, found that 38% would not. Both studies underscored the fact that nobody really likes the custom-but no one knows how to stop it (BW-Nov. 8 '52,p45).

L&M Filters is the name of Liggett & Myers' new filter cigarette. The filter is of "highly purified" alpha cellulose, which removes "over a third of the smoke," Liggett & Myers says.

Three-D drive-in theater is under way near St. Louis. The Fred Wehrenberg Theater Circuit plans a two-screen, indoor-outdoor theater, in which one screen will be for 3-D presentation. In cold weather, the audience can sit in a building with 700 seats, watch the show through the windows.

Special rates for trips downtown are growing. San Francisco's Municipal Transit System just started its "Shopper's Shuttle," at a nickel a ride—one-third the regular fare. And Reading Co. opened a free bus service to carry shoppers from its Jenkintown station near Philadelphia to the York Road Shopping Center.

Emerson Radio & Phonograph has gone into the air-conditioning business. It acquired a majority interest in Quiet Heet Manufacturing Corp. Emerson's new subsidiary will also put out units to sell under the Emerson name.

Show train idea, popular with appliance and industrial product manufacturers, is finding new customers. Hickok Manufacturing Co. started its Hickok Gift Show Train on a transcontinental tour this week to show off its men's belts, jewelry and gift accessories.

Marks & Spencer, British chain that sells style at budget prices (BW-Jun. 13'53,p50), reports a 16% increase in sales last year over the preceding year. Total sales came to £85-million (\$230-million). Average sales for the 236 stores came to roughly \$1-million.

Truckers who go into Tennessee may have to pay a gasoline tax if they carry more than 18 gal. of gas. The state passed such a law in 1939, but has never tried to enforce it. Now Finance & Taxation Commissioner Z. D. Atkins has asked for a ruling on whether he can collect.

### **BUSINESS IN MOTION**

# To our Colleagues in American Business ...

Paul Revere was the first American to learn how to roll copper successfully, over 150 years ago, and some historians claim this was his greatest contribution to the growth and protection of our country. It is known that he constantly sought ways to make better products, using methods of investigation that seem primitive when contrasted with today's industrial research. Nevertheless, he can be said to have set a pattern of research that this company follows faithfully. Other companies, most of them younger,

have likewise set up programs to search for methods of making better things, to develop new materials and processes to take full advantage of scientific knowledge. Industrial companies the country over are now spending large sums on such projects; one chemical company spent \$50 million last year, and half its sales were of products unknown 20 years ago.

• Research is a vital part of the

American competitive system.

because companies faced with competition inevitably turn to the laboratories, asking them for new ways to offer greater service, increased economy, and how to step up production rates. Thus it can be said that industrial research is motivated by the desire to obtain sales advantages. It is interesting to note that in countries where cartel systems throttle competition, research is much less actively pursued, and its benefits often are delayed in reaching the public, since there is no need for one company to seek to outstrip another.

• In this country, research is widespread, as we well know through our collaboration with companies working on the most diverse problems. It was the Government that made practical the conversion of matter into energy, which now presents many peaceful and beneficial prospects. Academic workers in "pure science" are busily probing into the why of many things. Non-profit organizations, scientific research firms, industrial laboratories, creative inventors — all play their parts energetically. Much of this activity is necessarily conducted in secret, until the time comes when practical results have been achieved, and can be brought into the marketplace.

• This constant research activity has added tremendously to the progress of our country. Practically everything we have today has been touched by science, and improved by it, whether it be a loaf of bread, an automobile, or a pair of socks. The mass of useful knowledge that has been accumulated is astonishing, and so is the equipment that is used in uncovering it. If Paul Revere could visit us today, he would be amazed by the quantometer and the spec-

trograph, and by X-ray diffraction, which we, like other companies, employ daily. If he should visit other laboratories he would see still more instruments of magic. Benjamin Franklin, a friend of Revere, would be greatly interested by man-made lightning, produced in order to understand the phenomenon better, and learn how to protect wires and equipment from it.

• Research is an integral part of American business, and we would like to suggest that since so many companies maintain laboratories like ours, you might consult your suppliers when a difficult problem arises. One of them may know the answer, or if not, may be willing to have the research staff seek for it.

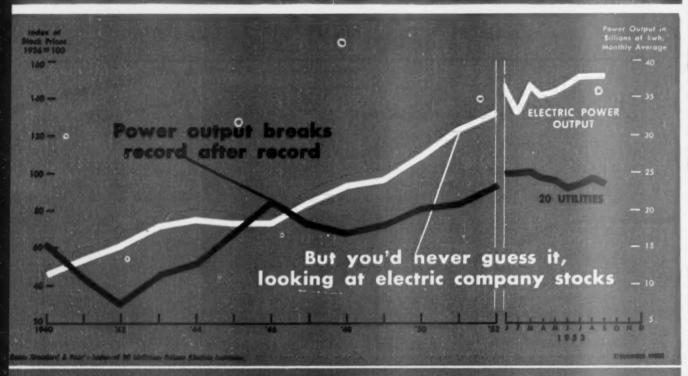


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### How the Utilities Are Doing

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Not Income	7.7	7.8	8.1	2.0	2.0		10.5	9.7	9.8	5.0	5.7
Net Per Common Share		3.16	3.30	0.62	0.83	Het Per Common Share		1.31	1.18	0.59	0.62
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	29.1	26.8	33.5	19.0	21.0	Net Income	37.8	36.9	47.0	N.A.	30.6
Not Per Common Share		1.93	2.25	1.30	1.36	Net Per Common Share		2.04	2.30	N.A.	1.67
Common Dividends	1.60	1.70	1.80	.90		Common Dividends	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
CONSOLIDATED E	DISON					SOUTHERN CO.					
	392.7	417.6	435.0	N.A.	NA.	Income	130.7	151.1	163.9	N.A.	N.A.
Net Income	39.2	39.2	45.1	N.A.	NA F	Not Income	16.3	16.9	20.2	N.A.	N.A.
Net Per Common Share		2.26	2.63	N.A.	N.A.	Net Per Common Shere		1.04	1.18	N.A.	N.A.
Common Dividends	1.70	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.10	Common Dividends	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.40	0.40
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Net Per Common Share		1.69	1.81	0.96	1.18	Net Per Common Shere		2.69	3.12	1.30	1.45
Common Dividends	1.35	1.40	1.40	0.70	0.70	Common Dividends	0.96	1.38	1.73	0.84	0.94
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Not Per Common Share		217	2.73	1.11	41.52	Net Per Common Share		2.97	3.24	1.63	1.72
Common Dividends	1.00	1.00	1.90	0.90	1.00	Common Dividends	1.85	2.00	2.05	1.00	1.10
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# Can Profits Grow as Fast as Sales?

(Story continues on page 61)

# Who's behind this steering wheel?



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"... the holder of electric utility shares is on the threshold of a new prosperity..."

PROFITS starts on p. 58

Plenty of new business is rolling in the door of the nation's electric utilities.

The Federal Power Commission reported last week that U.S. power production in the year ended Aug. 31 exceeded a half-trillion kwh. for the first time in history. The 500,522,435,000 kwh. figure was 11% higher than the preceding 12 months.

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• More to Come—And Tomlinson
Fort, vice-president of Westinghouse
Electric Corp.—a company that must
gauge in advance the demand for powcr-producing equipment—told the annual fall conference of the Maryland
Utilities Assn. that sales will be 43%
higher by 1958 than they were last
year.

Fort broke down the predicted increase in sales this way:

- To industrial users, 35.6%.
  To commercial users, 37.7%.
- To residential and rural users,
   63%.

Any such 43% over-all increase in power sales over a six-year stretch would, of course, require a new and sharp expansion of productive capacity.

At first glance, it would seem that the holder of electric utility shares is on the threshold of a new, and practically unavoidable, prosperity. In fact, that's just what the bulls among the stockholders will tell you.

There's another school of thought that is much less optimistic about the outlook for profits from the increased power production. These people point out that in the stock market (charts, page 58), the utilities have failed to rise in step with the expansion of power sales.

It's true that most utilities have been consistent dividend earners (computations, page 58). But they generally do not have the opportunities for bonanza runups, such as the oil companies can show after a new strike, simply because their rates are regulated.

• Defensive—Just the same, many investors are carrying heavy batches of utilities in their portfolios, because of their "defensive" nature. In times of market uncertainty, they are less prone to violent downward swoops.

There are two important facts to remember in weighing the future of the utilities:

 In the period from 1940 to 1952, the utilities were squeezed by regulated rates, which rose less swiftly than costs.

• The same inflation that ran up



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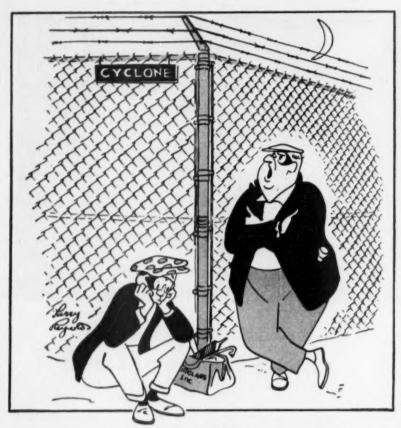
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utility costs also nipped the purchasing power of dividends.

Another fact that worries some investors is the necessity for continuously expanding plant, to keep up with demand. One observer put it this way: "If the electric power companies could stop expanding, they could stop issuing senior securities to cover new construction costs, and common stocks would get the leverage."

• Mandatory Growth—That's a vain hope. Every time a factory installs a new tool run by electricity, every time a homeowner gets a TV set or an added light fixture, the base for the demand of electricity is broadened. When more current is needed, more generating plants must be built.

Ralph J. Cordiner, president of General Electric, says that the electric utilities will have to double their capacity in the next 10 years. He thinks companies should set up expansion and modernization programs now based on probable 1964 needs, rather than thinking of a possible recession.

Actually, the industry is already doing pretty well in plotting new gener-

ating units.

This year the electric utilities will spend about \$1.3-billion on construction, compared with \$976-million in 1952. About a fifth of the \$1.3-billion will come from internal sources—retained earnings, depreciation, and the like. Long-term loans will provide another 59%, and the remaining 21% will come from sale of preferred and common stocks.

• Some Pluses—Whatever the construction picture may be, Wall Street bulls find these favorable factors riding in the wake of increased power sales:

• Revenues will continue to rise.

 Operating costs should continue under control, with the newer and more efficient plants coming into operation.

• Higher revenues should bring a further increase in earnings.

• In the years to come, dividend increases should be fairly general.

More rate increases are on the way.

The bulls feel that the bigger earnings will in the long run offset the "temporary" dilution of common earnings through the sale of new shares to finance expansion.

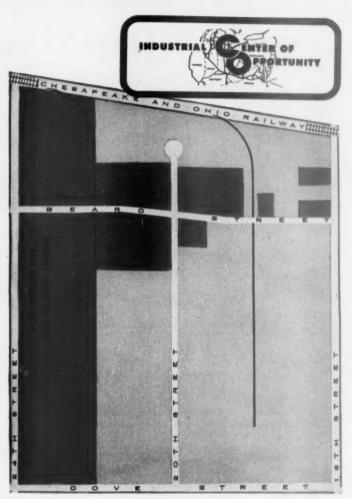
• Carrying Through—The bears warn that the complex job of carrying rate increases through into net in the face of rising materials, labor and tax bills, should not be overlooked.

Between 1946 and the start of 1953, regulatory bodies granted the electric utilities over 300 increases. More than 70 of them were granted last year.

But the power companies' return on net property last year increased to only 5.78% from 5.66% in 1951, although the rate base was raised 11% and

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### Cities Scramble...

... for more taxes as rising operating costs push up their budgets higher and higher.

In a scramble for additional income to meet rising administrative costs, cities—big and small—across the nation currently are looking hard for new non-property tax revenues to forestall slapping another boost in rates on already hard-pressed real-estate taxpayers.

And the tempo of the search is likely to be sharply stepped up as the day for drawing up 1954 municipal budgets comes closer. Here's a BUSINESS WEEK roundup of what's happening:

In Baltimore, a proposal is being weighed to increase the present municipal tax on commercial users of gas, electricity and telephones.

Other Baltimore proposals include a new mercantile tax of 3 mills per \$100 of gross receipts of businesses and professions, similar to a tax now levied by Philadelphia, a new tax on hotel room rentals, an increase in the present local impost on open-air garages, and possible extension of this latter tax to all public garages.

Also in the running are a new local Baltimore tax on soft drinks at the source, and a new tax against bank depositors having checking accounts of over \$250. The rates of the latter tax would range from \$1 on \$250 accounts up to \$25 on those averaging more than \$25,000.

In Milwaukee, proposed new revenue seurces include a new 3% municipal amusements admissions tax, boosts in all city license fees (including hikes of \$400 to \$600 in tavern licenses and \$350 to \$500 in liquor store fees annually), a hotel occupancy tax of 25¢ per room a day, a sewer service charge, and a special fee for carting away garbage from hotels and restaurants.

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St. Louis is asking the Missouri legislature to extend beyond its ex-piration date next April a state enabling act allowing the city to levy a municipal income tax of 1 of 1% on the earnings of all persons and corporations within the St. Louis city limits. Through this tax, St. Louis collects about \$8-million

· Solution?-The quest for new revcnues is not confined to a few cities. Mayors from 800 towns and cities in the United States and Canada attending the International Municipal Congress at Montreal last month agreed that the revenue situation had gotten pretty well out of hand.

St. Louis seems to think the solution is a tax on earnings of individuals and companies employed or engaged in business within the city limits. A pamphlet describing the operation of the levy says:

"Tax authorities call the earnings tax the best answer to the problem that faces every big city today-the movement of upper and middle-income groups to the suburbs.

'Most of the wage earners in those groups still work in the city. They spend a third or more of their time in the city five days a week. They earn their money there. Their daily presence makes the city government considerably more expensive. But they no longer support the city or the city services they use while at work. Like it or not, they are 'free riders.'"

. Boston and New York-But it's the nonproperty tax source that's the object of the current hunt for new municipal money spigots to tap.

A group of experts has been named in Boston to study that city's financial problem, and make recommendations. Giving the experts a sendoff, Mayor John Hynes made a particular point of the fact that while other cities have income, sales or other nonproperty tax revenue sources, Boston remains primarily dependent upon real-estate taxes.

But Boston is better off than New York City, which has the nation's jumbo problem. Its nonproperty revenue sources already include a 3% sales tax. And in New York, as in other cities, municipal costs have been rising all along the line. City officials feel that they will have to retain all present levies and find and develop new ones to meet the 1954-55 budget, which is destined to exceed the record \$1.5-billion outlay for the present fiscal year.

# The Outlook for Currency Convertibility



EIGHT years ago the International Monetary Fund was created for the purpose, among others, of assisting "in the establishment of a multilateral system of payments... and in the elimination of foreign exchange restrictions." The 1953 annual report and the address by Ivar Rooth, managing director, deal largely with that objective.

This new emphasis is encouraging, because it reflects progress toward international financial balance. Yet the outlook for convertibility would be more promising if this progress had taken place with less American financial aid, and if less reliance were placed on further financial assistance and on unilateral action by the United States in lowering trade barriers and stimulating foreign investment; also if it were made clearer how convertibility is to be reconciled with other objectives.

Reasons for Inconvertibility

Why has the restoration of convertibility taken so long? The answer depends partly on point of view. The familiar reply is that the physical destruction and economic dislocation caused by the war created an abnormal demand for foreign goods in many countries and at the same time reduced the ability of those countries to pay for the goods by exporting. In particular, there was an urgent need for goods from the United States, because this was the only large industrial nation whose productive capacity had not been impaired by the war. The result was a persistent disequilibrium in balances of payments, especially the "dollar gap" in payments between the United States and other countries.

From another point of view, convertibility has not been achieved because it has been subordinated to other objectives. In an effort to make the "terms of trade" as favorable as possible, most countries tended to fix the exchange values of their currencies too high.

Conflicting Objectives

Adherence to the gold standard deprived nations of control over their internal price and wage levels. If they got seriously out of line, they caused disequilibrium in the balance of payments, a flow of gold, and an internal credit readjustment that forced prices back into line.

Such readjustments sometimes entailed temporary recessions in business activity and employment. Hence they were incompatible with any national "full-employment commitment," as well as with wage and agrarian programs that involved price manipulations, and with social-welfare schemes that upset national budgets. In short, nations came to demand a degree of sovereignty over their internal affairs that was inconsistent with the needs of the gold standard, or in fact with any set of lasting parities among currencies.

The natural result was an era of currency devaluations. Historically, the devaluations have been partly due to war and other emergencies. Even without such extraneous factors, however, the refusal of nations to "play the game" according to the old rules must have destroyed the exchange stability that formerly existed.

Fixed Parities Still Required

Fixed currency parities still command world-wide respect and adherence. The nations desire convertibility at a firm rate. But are they prepared to pay the price? Or are they aiming at a set of mutually incompatible objectives?

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depending on the needs of the job.

The center is believed to be the first such project in the country. It is di-

such project in the country. It is directed by C. R. P. Rodgers, assistant cashier, and has a faculty of 10 drawn from the National City staff. The campus of the school is on the 15th floor of the bank's branch at 42nd Street and Madison Avenue. The school complements, but is quite distinct from, National City's long established training program at the college level.

The top picture shows a teller trainee practicing the handling of deposits and withdrawals with a dummy customer. Around one-half of the bank's tellers are girls. Lower picture: adding machine instructions.



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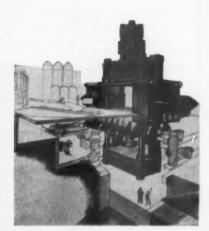
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### **FINANCE BRIEFS**

Continued strength in the tax-exempt market now has pushed the bond buyer's municipal bond yield index down to 2.82%, compared with 2.86% a week earlier. Since yields decline when prices rise, this means prices of tax-exempt issues are at the highest levels since May. Bond men, however, are keeping their fingers crossed. Next week will see a test of the market when the \$105-million New Jersey Turnpike Authority issue goes on sale.

Presque Isle Corp. has arranged to borrow \$15-million for construction through sale of bonds to an insurance company. . . . Technicolor, Inc. has completed negotiation for private placement of \$5-million of 4½% notes, due 1969. . . . Tampa Electric Co. has sold \$8-million of first mortgage bonds, 3.7% series, due 1983, to institutional investors.

Two new big hotels are going up: Hotels Statler Co., Inc., is beginning construction of a \$15-million 1,001-room hotel in Dallas, Tex., and Hilton Hotels Corp. is breaking ground for a \$14-million 450-room luxury hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. These are the first big hotel projects since construction of the Statler in Los Angeles a year ago.

Interest of 2½% on 1-year time savings deposits—highest rate offered by any bank in the Chicago area—was put in effect by the Main State Bank the first of this month. "We believe that savers should share in the higher return we now receive on the money we loan and invest," says L. Shirley Tark, Main State president.

Cross-trends in carpets: Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., has increased prices around 5%; James Lees & Sons Co. has reduced its prices 6% to 10%; and Alexander Smith, Inc., while announcing it has "no plans to change prices," is closing a plant at Yonkers, employing 600, to "keep inventories at proper levels."

Lower demand has brought further reductions in output of alloy and stainless steel by Republic Steel Corp. at its Canton and Massillon (Ohio) plants. At Canton, the company now has 12 out of 17 electric furnaces out of operation. In Massillon, four open-hearths are down because of lack of orders.

The Treasury's short-term borrowing costs dropped this week to their lowest level since March 1951. Monday saw \$1.5-billion of 91-day bills sold at a price equal to an average yield of but 1.39%.



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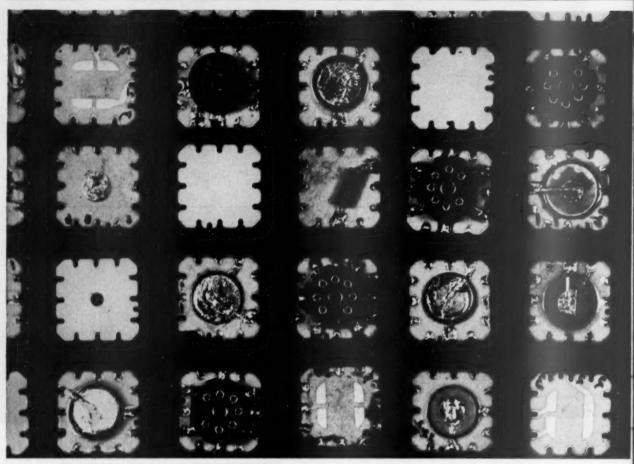
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## PRODUCTION



Electronic building blocks for radio set are the ceramic wafers (left) on which circuit parts are mounted.

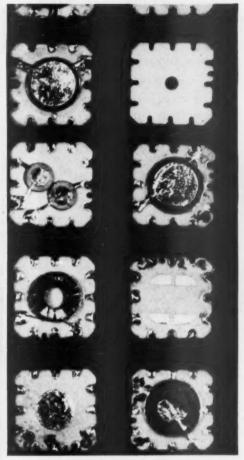
## **Electronics Plant: the Longest Step**

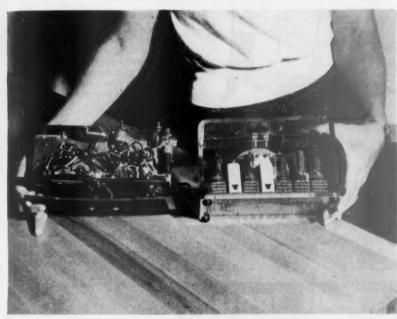


1 Automatic machine shapes ceramic material into wafers that are hardened by heat. The ceramic is a good insulator.



2 Parts of circuit are glued or printed on the wafers, then inspected by machine. Sorting machines (upper left) vibrate wafers into correct order, line them up, and send them on, one at a time, to the assembly machines.

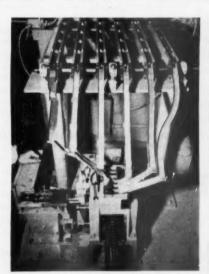




The completed set (right) shows simplicity of components. It foreshadows the . . .

## Yet for Automation

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**3** Five conveyors carry wafers to stacking device, drop them on top of each other in the correct order for final assembly.



4 Each stack of circuit-bearing wafers is hooked up by wires from these reels. Wires are soldered simultaneously.



5 Each of these modular units takes the place of part of the jungle of wires and gadgets that are in conventional assemblies.



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AUTOMATION starts on p. 72

In Arlington, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C., a small factory is automatically making electronic assemblies, virtually untouched by human hands (pictures, pages 72, 73). The significance of this achievement is out of all proportion to the size of the factory.

The manufacturing process for an electronic set is one of the hardest to make automatic. The set is made up of many bits and pieces; the design keeps changing; and the manufacturer usually buys most of his components rather than making them. Automation of this kind of manufacture and assembly is far tougher than automation of, say, a steel rolling mill or a chemical process.

It took the U.S. government to provide the development funds involved in the Arlington plant. In little more than three years, the project has run up a bill of \$4.7-million.

• Military Pressure-The Arlington project has just been unveiled, after years of secrecy while it bore the code name Project Tinkertoy. The project, sponsored by the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, was chiefly developed by the National Bureau of Standards.

Under pressure of military strategy, defense planners can afford to buy the idea of automation at any price. That's especially true if they see a chance of succeeding with an automatic process for electronic gear. Modern warfare demands more gadgets, and more complex

gadgets.

• Cutting Lead Time-The amount and complexity of electronic stuff in a present-day warplane are serious enough in themselves. It's hard to make the gadgets as fast as the planes they're being installed in. During the Korean buildup, many jet fighters sat idly on the manufacturer's ramps, waiting for electronic units to arrive.

Project Tinkertoy aims two ways at eliminating the electronics bottleneck:

• It radically changes the design of the equipment. Out goes the maze of wiring, with the connections that have to be individually made by hand. In comes a modular design-groups of components like electronic building blocks-that can be made and assembled automatically.

· It speeds up the output beyond anything that could be done through pep talks or incentives to workers. The small shop in Arlington, Va., is rated to produce 1,000 modular subassemblies every hour. Depending on human



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• Next Step—The technicians of Project Tinkertoy have met, head-on, one of the toughest problems in all industry. By licking the obstacles to automatic production of electronics equipment—whatever the cost—they have proved automation is practical for defense products. Next, they must convince industry that it's practical for commercial use, else Tinkertoy will be a one-shot affair.

Many people think the government will build the Tinkertoy-type plants at first, and lease them to private industry on a standby basis for defense needs.

• Sales Resistance—Electronics manufacturers aren't expected to embrace Tinkertoy production methods all at once. The speed of output is appealing, but not the terrific cost.

Investment-wise, electronics plants—especially those for radios and TV sets—have always been low-cost operations. They need hardly any costly equipment to give them a start in business. Their requirements are simply enough floor space, an assembly line of tables, and semiskilled girls armed with soldering irons. So a project such as Tinkertoy look staggering to cost-conscious firms.

What's more, the savings from any kind of automation might not be enough to pay quickly for the automatic equipment. A TV receiver maker, for example, is used to thinking in pennies. He's delighted if a product engineer develops a short cut that saves a few cents per set. That can make a real difference in his profit margin, but hardly dent the debt for an automated plant.

A limited kind of automation is expensive for an electronics maker. Motorola, Inc., announced a new way of plating the wiring of a small radio on a sheet of prestamped plastic (BW-Aug. 9'53,p56). Industry sources say that research for this one operation cost Motorola around \$1-million. And it will cost another \$1-million for an assembly plant. The method can cut costs dramatically, but only with a long production run of one model. Long-run models, such as the clock radio that sold 1.6-million units in 1952, are few and far between.

• Teamwork—Besides the dollar cost of automation in an industry such as electronics, there's a problem of coordination that brings government into the act.

Tinkertoy needed a lot of special skills—functions that few companies are equipped to perform all of. Tinkertoy operators had to:

 Design and build production facilities from scratch.

 Design and build much of the control equipment of a robot plant.

 Redesign the product to fit the automatic process.  Learn to build all the components that are often bought by companies assembling electronic sets.

Automation enthusiasts feel there will eventually be companies that can offer robot engineering as a packaged service. Such companies may develop from the small specialists now in the field, or they may be formed by mergers of related firms.

Meanwhile, Project Tinkertoy requires this lineup:

• The Kaiser electronics division of Willys Motor Co., experienced in the ways of auto mass production, is operating the Arlington plant for the government.

 Doughnut Corp. of America, specialists in food processing equipment, designed some of Tinkertoy's tricky machines.

 Communication Measurement Laboratory, Inc., made most of the production testing machines.

Sanders Associates, Inc., producer of small rate-gyroscopes, studied engineering applications of the process and products.

• Radical Design—The units that pour off the robot line of Tinkertoy don't look like anything you'll find inside your radio or TV set. Bureau of Standards technicians departed completely from the manual-operation design of the past 25 years. In Tinkertoy, both the making of components and their assembly are automatic.

Each tube of an electronics circuit is the heart of a modula—an electronic building block. It is mounted on a stack of ceramic wafers (pictures) that carry all the circuitry. The wafers are stacked like floors of a building, tied together by wiring that runs down the side of each stack.

Each production step—wafer-making, mounting of parts, stacking, and wiring—is carried out wholly by machines. The conveyor line is continuous. At every step, machines automatically inspect the product and reject the units that don't meet specifications. (The inspection machines work from punched cards that are changed whenever the product to be inspected changes.)

The number of modules in a set depends on the size of a circuit. Six modular stacks contain enough circuitry for a conventional table radio.

• More Savings—Production runs so far show that lead time for some equipment can be cut by as much as 75%—by eliminating the conventional bottlenecks. The production line could be switched to civilian products or back again to military stuff in about 24 hours.

In service, the modular construction has advantages, too. If something goes wrong in a tube's circuit, the whole unit is pulled out and replaced—no hunting for the individual part that's defective.

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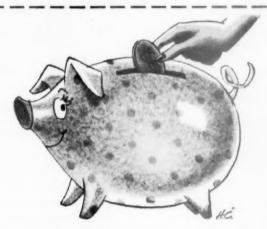
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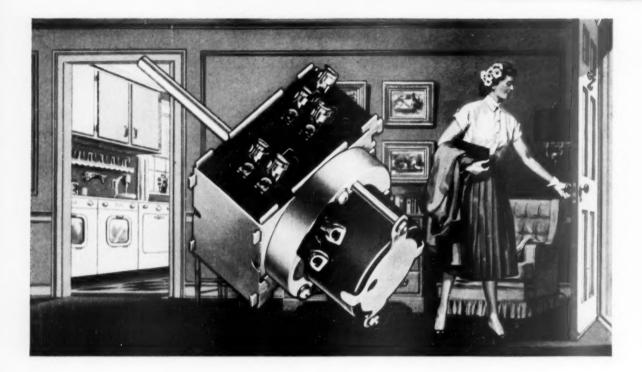
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## Machine Tool Supermart

An impressive array of nearly 1,000 machine tools from seven countries went on display this week in a converted factory in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. It's called, by its sponsors, the world's first permanent machine tool exhibit.

The permanent show may be part of the answer to the problem of how to attract buyers for machine tools as the current boom tapers off. That's something that has been bothering toolmakers lately, particularly the smaller ones who are not members of the Machine Tool Builders Assn.

Carting elephant-size machine tools around the country to exhibit them can be very costly. And the available power supply is not always adequate for the customer to test the tool and see it at its best. If a customer is interested in a size different from the one shown, he has to order it from a catalog or brochure.

 Variety—The exhibit is planned so that a buyer can examine and test a variety of brands and styles at one centralized location. On the opening day, a buyer could find a wide range of lathes from four different countries, many distinct types and sizes of grinding machines, 22 different drill presses, any number of boring and milling machines. By comparing them under actual working conditions, he can choose the equipment that best fits his needs

Several independent American manufacturers have their full lines on display. But a good part of the show comes from Italy, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, and Great Britain. About 200 of the machine tools now on display have never been shown in this country. Bringing all these new tools to z centralized location can also eliminate a lot of travel for a buyer.

• How It Happened—The permanent show is the brain child of Simon Srybnik, president of S&S Machinery Co., Brooklyn importers and tool rebuilders. It was originally conceived as a means of displaying tools handled by his own company but the base broadened as the



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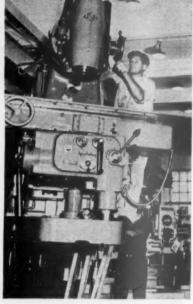
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A GIANT EXHIBIT at the machine tool show is this new Italian milling machine—one of 200 new tools on display.

time for the show neared. An industry committee, headed by Paul Volyn of Portland Machine Tool Works, is now the sponsor.

Space in the exhibit is open to any tool manufacturer who complies with the regulations and whose products meet the standards of the sponsoring committee. So far it has been most popular with European tool manufacturers anxious to introduce new products to the Western Hemisphere.

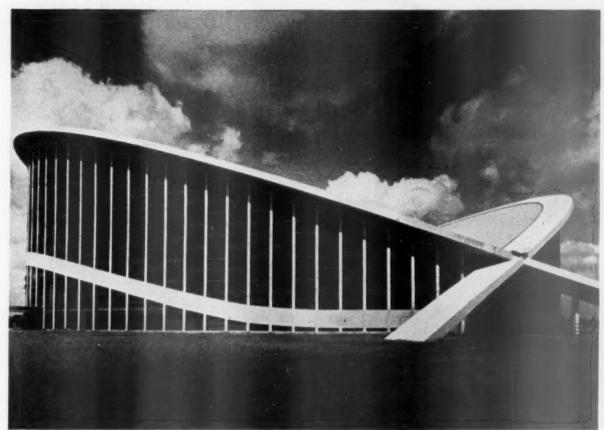
• Specials—Featured at the opening is an extensive demonstration of the Polygon Grinder, which was developed in Germany during the war. It produces polygon shapes that can eliminate splines or keyways in many applications. Curtiss-Wright Corp. is one of the first American companies to use it. And its use on just one part in jet engine production is reported to have saved that company over two manyears of production time.

Also on display are some dinosaursize Italian boring mills, a new American low-cost contour grinder, a new Swiss automatic screw machine, a modcrn punch press from Chicago, an automatic electrocycle turret lathe from Bologna, an openside hydraulic grinder from Germany, and a new line of rotary gang slitters from England.

The show runs the gamut of machine tools, taking in production, fabricating, and toolroom equipment. New machines, innovations to make old machines more efficient, new techniques and methods of operation—all are demonstrated by skilled technicians and sales engineers.



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State Fair Arena, Raleigh, N. C. Wm. Henley Deitrick was the architect; Matthew Nowicki, consultant; Severud, Elstad & Krueger, consulting engineers; Wm. Muirhead Construction Co., general contractor, Arena owned by State Fair Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

#### State Fair Arena at Raleigh, N. C., Wins Architectural Honors

Here is a structure that architects consider among the most unusual buildings of our time. It is the new arena at the State Fair Grounds, Raleigh, N. C.

This steel-and-concrete showplace is a bold departure from conventional design. It measures about 300 feet wide by 300 feet long, with an inverted-V abutment at each end. From these abutments the sides flare upward and outward, rising to a height of almost 90 feet at midpoint.

In recognition of its striking and original architecture, the pavilion has been awarded the Engineering Gold Medal of the Architectural League of New York, and an Honor Award for outstanding architectural design by the American Institute of Architects.

One of the most interesting features of the building is its gently curved roof,

supported entirely by Bethlehem steel cables. These cables, zinc-coated for resistance to corrosion, form a criss-cross pattern of 6-ft by 6-ft squares, and are securely anchored to the framework of the structure and fastened together at points of intersection. Bolt-clipped to the cables are corrugated metal sheets which, with the topping, constitute a roof unusually light in weight.

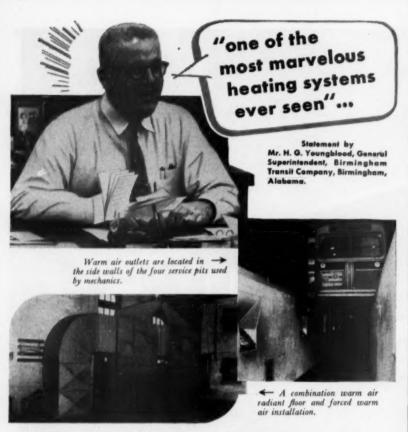
This ingenious application of steel bridge cable—a member of Bethlehem's wire rope family—nfade feasible a sturdy roof that blends perfectly with the clean, sweeping lines of the walls. It has already aroused widespread interest and may very possibly suggest a new trend in design and construction.



How the overhead network of strong steel cables looked during construction work.

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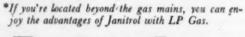
Nine Janitrol Unit Heaters installed in 1936 gave such economical, trouble-free service that twelve years later, when a second building was remodeled, Janitrol was again specified. Here with the huge doors opening and closing for servicing of vehicles and outside temperatures falling as low as 5°, Janitrol Unit Heaters faithfully maintain comfortable conditions for

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#### **PRODUCTION BRIEFS**

Another study of atomic power has been started by two firms in private industry: Duquesne Light Co., a utility serving the Pittsburgh area, and Walter Kidde Nuclear Laboratories, Inc., Garden City, N. Y., have Atomic Energy Commission's O. K. to research the engineering and economic angles of making electricity from atomic energy.

A catalytic cracking unit, the world's largest, has been turned on by Texas City Refining, Inc. It will have a daily capacity of 19,000 bbl. after its shakedown run. Its products: high-octane gasoline and domestic furnace oil. Houdry Process Corp., and Kaiser Engineers, a division of Henry J. Kaiser Co., handled the design and construction.

Iudustrial television is headed for another record year (BW-May30'53,p41). Sales for 1953, says Electronics magazine, a McGraw-Hill publication, might reach \$6-million, a tenfold increase over last year. Manufacturers are hardpressed, though, to find applications that are really new, despite price reductions in equipment.

The Flying Crane, the big jet-powered cargo helicopter of Hughes Aircraft Co., has gone into a stall, development-wise. The Air Force canceled Hughes' contract because of "budgetary considerations." Presumably, the Air Force has also dropped the development of XH-28, a top-secret successor to the Flying Crane.

Inland Steel Co. has tapped Construction Aggregates Corp., Chicago, for the job of dredging Steep Rock Lake (Ontario), which covers Inland's iron ore deposits there. CAC will remove 160-million cu. yd. of silt and water, a dredging equivalent to that of the Panama Canal, so that Inland can sink its mine.

A turboprop model of the Convair-Liner 340 has been ordered by the Air Force from Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. The first to go into operational service, this version has greater speeds and carrying capacity than the piston-engine Convair, but avoids the costliness of operating a straight turbojet on short runs.

Diverse products are not for Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. The firm has sold its Plaskon division, a manufacturer of plastic resins since 1940, to Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., will stick to fields in glass, its major product.



## SLAM BANG TRANSIT TREATMENT PROVES TOUGHNESS OF SYLVANIA CELLOPHANE

Cannon Mills, like most manufacturers of quality products, are extremely particular about the packaging materials they use. After testing various ones for packaging their fitted sheets, flat sheets and bed-spreads, they chose Sylvania Cellophane 600 MS-3... a cellophane that provides an extra durable, transparent wrap. It stands up well under temperature changes and frequent handling.

In addition to laboratory tests, Cannon made case shipments of sheets wrapped in Sylvania Cellophane 600 MS-3 from their mills at Kannapolis, North Carolina to New York City and return. Despite rough treatment, all of the Sylvania-wrapped

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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**



#### Pipe Insulator

A new material is being introduced by American Gilsonite Co. for insulat ing and protecting hot underground pipes from corrosion. It's Gilsulate, a solidified form of petroleum found only in the Uintah Basin of Eastern Utah. The men in the picture above are placing it around the pipes.

American Gilsonite claims the new product is easier and cheaper to install than any other hot underground insulating substance. It won't deteriorate because it's a natural substance, which has been in the ground for millions of years. It's said to assure permanent protection against such common corrosion factors as alkaline ground waters, electrolysis, root attacks, and bacterial action.

• Layers—When you pour the specially sized Gilsulate around hot pipes, it forms into three layers. Material in contact with the pipe melts and fuses. It forms a dense, semiplastic coating but lets the pipe expand and contract. It acts as a thermal and electrical insulator.

The middle layer becomes sintered or resolidified when tamped in place, and the outer zone remains unconsolidated. The outer layers provide insulation and a high load-bearing capacity.

• Advantages—Tests conducted by the Southwest Research Institute and Uni-

Southwest Research Institute and University of Utah show that heat loss from pipes insulated with Gilsulate is 8% to 11% of the loss that occurs from bare buried pipes. This high insulating efficiency means that hot and cold lines may be buried in the same ditch, as well as lines carrying steam of different temperatures.

In contrast to present practices, Gilsulate does not require sleeves or sheaths to protect the insulation. The stuff is



How many times has some one come up with a really good idea only to have it squelched because of extra costs?

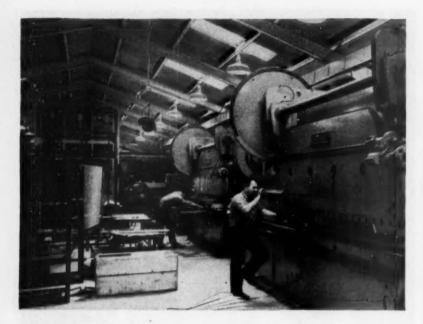
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• Source: American Gilsonite Co., 248 S. Main St., Salt Lake City 1, Utah.

#### Making Finishes Set Fast

A new way to make paints, varnishes, and inks set in minutes instead of hours or days was demonstrated last week by Armour Research Foundation and Meyercord Co., Chicago decalcomania manufacturer. It's a chemical hardening

Here's how it works: You coat an object in the usual way with a brush, spray, roller, or dip. Then you put it in a chamber and subject it to sulfur dichloride vapor for a predetermined time—a matter of minutes. When removed from the chamber, the coating is set enough for handling, packing, or

• Limits—Called Chem-Dry, the process works for coatings based on alkyd resins, urea formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, drying oils, and similar materials. It doesn't work with lacquers or other coatings that dry by solvent evaporation only. It's expected to find uses in putting finishes on wood, printing or coating paper and fabrics, decorating metal, and coating wire.

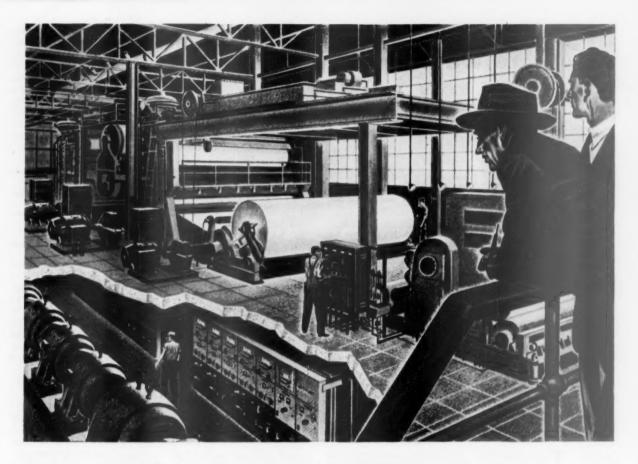
• Source: Meyercord Co., 5323 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.



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#### **NEW PRODUCTS BRIEFS**

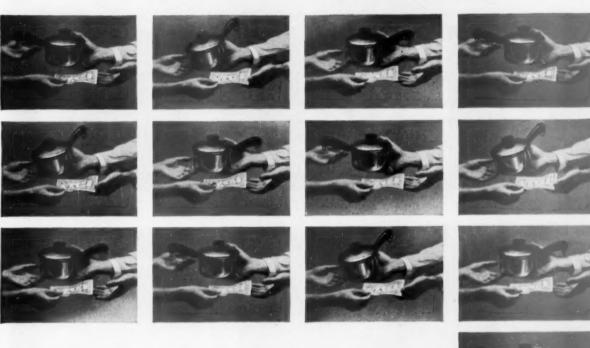
A textile loom that starts and stops with great precision whenever desired is being introduced by Borden Mills, Inc., of Kingsport, Tenn., and Hunt Loom & Machine Works, Inc., of Greenville, S. C. Use of nylon gears and oil-impregnated bushings reduces the possibility of getting oil and grease on the cloth. Localized humidity control is said to make possible working conditions of 62% relative humidity at 80F.

Automatic fade-in and fade-out of pictures is a feature of a new 35-mm. slide projector announced by Revere Camera Co., 320 E. 21st St., Chicago, Ill. The device that does away with the "saw-buck" effect of most projectors is a narrow metal drum that holds the slides and revolves them backward and forward to the lens.

A putty-like plastic scalant, designed to keep water from seeping into passenger cars, has been announced by B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. It adheres to bare metal and is cured during the normal baking of the car's enamel. Ford Motor Co. is using the new plastic on assembly-line production.

A portable X-ray unit, designed especially for school dental examination programs, has been announced by Oralix Division of North American Philips Co., Mount Vernon, N. Y. It weigns 62 lb., can be carried in a passenger automobile, operates from any standard 115 volt a.c. outlet.

Grind-O-Flex is a new light grinding tool that attaches to any rotating spindle. It consists of hundreds of individual abrasive cloth leaves sealed to a hard core. As the flexible wheel rotates it presents a continuous abrasive surface to remove flaws from contours in metal parts without danger of digging into the stock. Manufacturer is Merit Products, Inc., 4023 Irving Place, Culver City, Calif.



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## Commissions Do a Lot of Things

Presidents since Washington have used commissions to solve ticklish problems; Eisenhower now has them at work on issues from foreign policy to airport laws.

The Eisenhower Administration has already been tagged as "government by commission." It's easy to see why. Six commissions are already in full operation. Four more are getting startedeach responsible for chiseling out policy on sensitive and controversial issues.

• The Randall Commission had its second meeting this week, to shape up a foreign trade policy.

· A new Hoover Commission went to work on eight ideas for reducing the size of government-with federal power and lending agencies high on the list.

• The Manion Commission met in

the White House last week and began its job of selecting federal functions the states might handle.

· The Cole Commission on housing policy got started-spurred on by a slump in housing starts and by criticism from Democratic senators that its 21 members are weighted against low-rent

· Still Behind-But that total-10 Presidential commissions appointed in seven months-doesn't put Eisenhower anywhere near the top of the list of Presidents using this device.

True, he's starting at a pace that would soon put him ahead of his predecessor, Harry S. Truman. Truman used only 20 major advisory commissions in his seven years in office.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, though, rang up a hundred or more in his first eight years in office-the peacetime years. And Herbert Hoover appointed more than 60 in his first 16 months as President. He went right on using them, too. Hoover's "sins of commission" became a prime political issue by 1932. Each 20th-century U.S. President

has leaned heavily on temporary commissions whenever, in his opinion, the ordinary processes of policy forming and legislation bogged down.

• Aims-The Eisenhower commissions are distinguished by the gravity of the issues entrusted to them. Their broad and sweeping assignments could wellif legislation results-give the country

and the Republican Party a new look. You see the unique Eisenhower touch in the way he has asked most of his major commissions to report to Congress-not to the President alone. Truman and F.D.R. used them to advise the President directly-often as a means of prodding Congress along some path they already had marked out. Eisenhower stresses commissions that have at least some Congressional members. Truman and F.D.R. liked them better loaded with private citizens.

The Eisenhower commissions are not pioneering new ideas, or aiming at new and experimental legislation, as those of his Democratic predecessors often did. Instead, they reveal his strong interest in making peace within the Republican Party on one hand, and reducing the size of the government on the other. Of his 10 commissions, seven are for these purposes.

#### I. The Peacemakers

The idea of using commissions to weld widely separated points of view into a rounded policy apparently has more appeal to Eisenhower than to any President in the past. Political scientists and experts in government operations

## "We cut heating costs at least 15% with PC Glass Blocks"

At the Kaufman Building in Long Island City they recently replaced all the steel sash with PC Glass Blocks. Here's why:

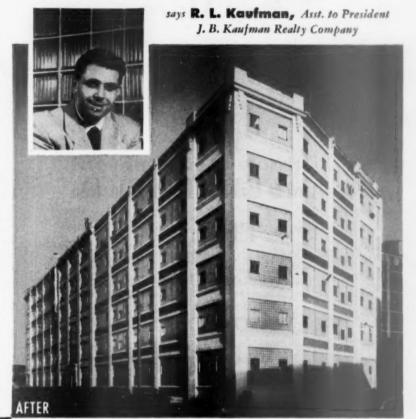
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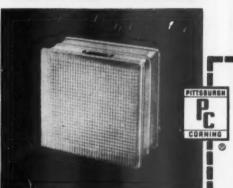
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don't like the idea, as a rule. They say most such commissions wind up just where they started—still at odds.

The low-water mark was the Wickersham Commission, which looked into prohibition for President Hoover. It came out with 11 different opinions.

William Howard Taft took a flier at a peacemaking commission, on union-management relations. But in authorizing it, the Senate insisted on the right of confirming the President's appointees, then turned down his choices. When Woodrow Wilson took office after the 1912 election, he won confirmation for a nine-man group. It eventually turned in a report that merely spelled out the still conflicting views of labor and management.

Eisenhower is trying the peacemaker

approach in three fields.

Foreign trade is most important. The commission headed by Clarence Randall, Chicago steel maker, contains a wide range of views, from arch-protectionist Republican members of Congress to more-trade advocates like Randall himself. Eisenhower's hope for this commission is clear enough. Out of his seven appointees, six lean to the side of more trade.

The commission's assignment is to bring together facts already available in government agencies, shape them into a policy recommendation.

Housing is another field in which Eisenhower's commission is wrestling with a split in Republican thinking. Its chairman is Albert M. Cole, Administrator of the Housing & Home Finance Agency. As a congressman, Cole opposed public housing projects. But other Republicans, led by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, sponsored them.

The Cole Commission was told by Eisenhower to "identify the proper role of the government in this field." It's being organized around a five-man executive committee, with W. Herbert Welch as executive director. Its goal is a complete housing program.

Agricultural policy splits Republicans, too. One group is opposed to the present system of high price supports—with Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson as spokesman. Another group, led by farm state Republican congressmen, wants to keep high supports.

On Eisenhower's advisory commission of 15 persons, there's a mixture of food processors, scholars, and farmers. This is apparently to be a permanent group. Its immediate goal is to help Eisenhower and Benson work out policy changes to be submitted to Congress in January.

#### II. The Reorganizers

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job-the first Hoover Commission on Organization of the Government. Scholars have called it the most penetrating study ever made of the mechanics of government. About 75% of its ideas was finally written into law-all aimed at more efficient management of the government's business. Estimates of how much it is saving the government vary all the way from \$2.5billion a year (by its ardent supporters), down to \$40-million.

But the first Hoover Commission sidestepped such boiling issues as government activity in the fields of electric power and finance, or the business operations of the military services, which range from coffee roasting to rope mak-

• Diving Deeper-To dive into these problems, Eisenhower asked Congress for a second Hoover Commission-and Congress gave a quick yes, without debate. The new commission elected Hoover its chairman, named former Rep. John Hollister of Ohio executive director, and blocked out eight subjects for close study.

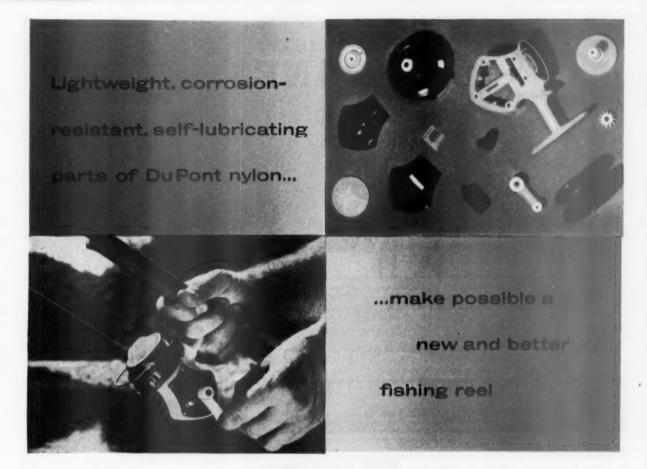
In addition to power and lending agencies, these include: personnel, which means a look at civil service rules that keep Truman holdovers in key jobs; medical services, which means reviving controversy over rights of veterans to free medical service; independent government agencies, which means trying to reduce the number of persons reporting directly to the President; accounting and budgeting procedures; feeding services in government institu-tions; and disposal of surplus property.

The new commission can recommend abolishing government services-which makes it Eisenhower's No. 1 hope

for reducing the size of government.
• State vs. Federal—The Manion Commission-headed by Dean Clarence E. Manion of Notre Dame Law Schooldeals with government organization, too, but from a different slant. It's working on the idea that the present system of grants-in-aid to states for purposes like highways, health, and social security could be greatly reduced by simply returning various tax sources to the states. Then the states would pay their own way, without reducing the new total of services.

The commission is particularly interested in getting the federal government to drop its 2¢ per gal. tax on gasoline and reduce some high excise taxes. Manion has until next March to report.

· And Others-Two minor Eisenhower commissions are at work on government organization. One coordinates national security operations under the leadership of Walter Bedell Smith, Under Secretary of State. This is composed entirely of government officialsa type of commission greatly loved by



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F.D.R. Eisenhower looks on it as a device to get smoother operations inside the government.

Another Eisenhower commission is taking a look at legal procedure of the regulatory agencies. It is headed by Federal Judge E. Barrett Prettyman, and Attorney General Herbert Brownell is in charge of the staff work.

The goal of the new group is not major reform. It wants mostly to speed up hearings.

#### III. The Administrators

Most Presidents have avoided setting up temporary commissions that had any administrative duties. But Eisenhower established one of this type to try to prevent race discrimination by holders of government contracts. In this case, he avoided the Congressional approval route, setting the group up by executive order. Vice-President Nixon is chairman.

Eisenhower also kept alive the International Development Advisory Board, a group started by Truman to advise on technical assistance to foreign countries. Eisenhower's chairman is Eric Johnston. It does no direct administrative work, but advises on administrative as well as policy matters.

Even the strongest Presidents have avoided the administrative commission, probably as a result of Lincoln's experience in early Civil War days. He empowered a group of men in New York to spend \$2-million in U.S. funds for weapons and other war materials, dispatching instructions by secret routes in an aura of cloak and dagger conspiracy.

The \$2-million was spent swiftly, as Lincoln had hoped. It was not a formal commission and the whole transaction was illegal, as Lincoln admitted later when called to task by Congress. But he said he had to act that way because orders through regular channels would have been blocked by southern sympathizers. He said his act saved the government. Congress grumbled, but did not press the matter.

#### IV. The Fact-gatherers

Washington appointed the first fact-gathering commission. He sent a group into western Pennsylvania to find out what had caused the Whiskey Rebellion—in which Daniel Shaw and his followers refused to pay a tax on liquor. The commissioners reported back: No use trying to pacify the troublemakers short of shooting it out. Washington took their advice.

F.D.R. appointed one fact-finding commission that made history. Bernard Baruch headed a group studying rubber requirements in World War II, which led to building the 28 plants



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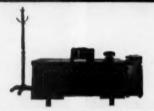
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that shortly will be sold by the government to private operators—under the guidance of another commission, naturally.

Eisenhower has only one group of fact-finders, so far. This is the Air Coordination Committee, which is talking to local government and aviation industry experts. On the basis of what it finds about present aviation and airport laws, it will recommend policy changes.

#### V. The Idea Merchants

Teddy Roosevelt was the first U.S. President to use commissions to pioneer fresh ideas, to crystallize public opinion behind them, and then force them into law despite a reluctant Congress

He sent a commission into the Chicago stockyards to investigate meat packers. He set up another to look into the mounting difficulties of farmers. He had one stirring up support for his conservation ideas, and another to work up a plan for inland waterways.

Like Eisenhower, he found himself at odds with powerful blocs within his own party. But unlike Eisenhower, he appointed his commissions without first getting Congressional approval.

Congress rebelled. When T.R. asked for \$50,000 for a conservation commission, Congress refused the money, and passed a law that it hoped would stop the appointment of further commissions, except those specifically authorized by Congress. The attempt failed, though it is still on the books as a warning to Presidents.

Hoover had one "idea commission" among the many he established—and ironically it turned out a document described by some as a "primer for the New Deal." This was his Commission on Social Trends.

F.D.R. used "idea commissions" to pioneer social security, federal power expansion, crop insurance, farm tenancy relief, and support for cooperatives.

Truman used one to lay the background for race discrimination legislation. He used another to try to force in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

#### VI. The Tightrope Walkers

Democrats are already assailing Eisenhower's commission as a form of "government by postponement."

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In the past, Presidents have sometimes used commissions to avoid taking a stand. And in some cases—notably the Wickersham study of prohibition—the nature of the report has resulted in a postponement.

It's too early yet to say whether any of Eisenhower's studies will end that way.

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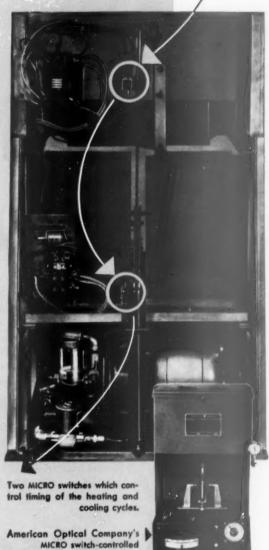
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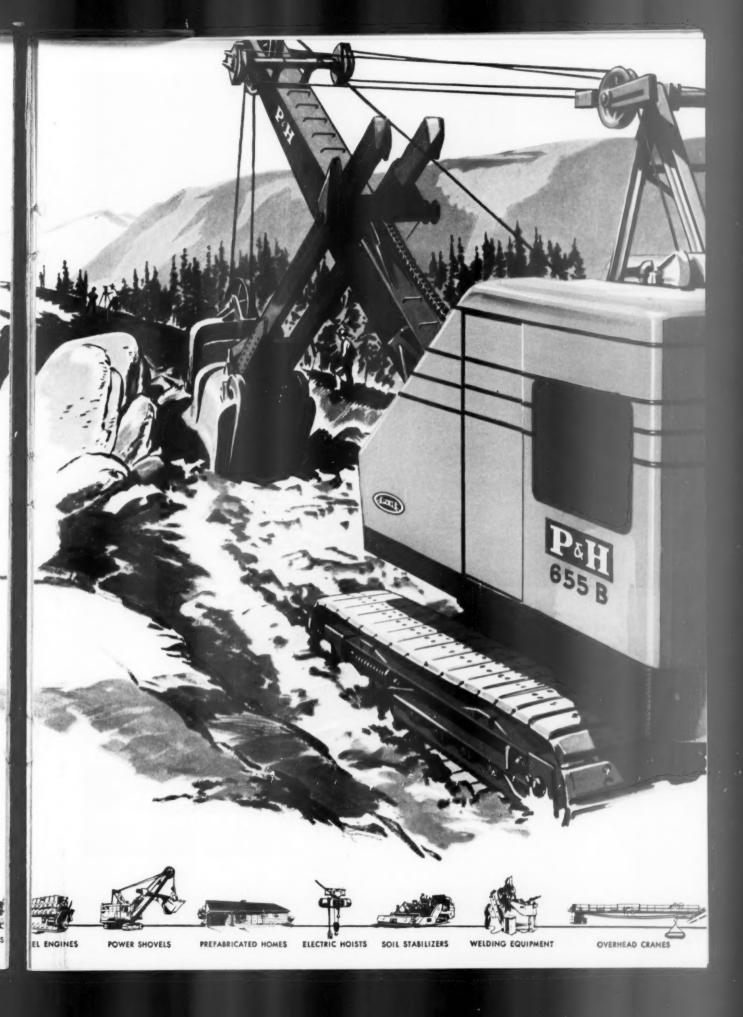
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Last week, the Office of Defense Mobilization reported progress on how the expansion schedules stand. Based on the value of projects for which certificates of necessity were issued through Mar. 31, the expansion program should be 71% fulfilled by the end of 1953. The cumulative total of completed projects, 1950 through 1953, should stand then at \$18.2-billion.

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projects since March. But the ratio of issuance of certificates is definitely slowing now (BW-Sep.5'53,p29), and not much more will be added from here on.

• In the Works—ODM admits that completions during first-quarter 1953 did not live up to previous forecasts. Officials regard this as a lingering effect of last year's steel strike. ODM is scheduling a sharp taper in completions after 1953. Next year, \$5.5-billion worth of expansion is scheduled for completion; in 1955, about \$1.2-billion; in 1956, only \$597-million; in 1957, less than \$200-million; and \$38.5-million after 1957 to round out the program.

• The Figures—Dollar figures are total cost of new or expanded facilities approved by the government for fast amortization. On the average, 61% of total valuation has been made eligible

for tax benefits.

ODM estimates that only 30% of total dollar value goes into bricks and mortar. About 66% is spent for machinery and other equipment, and the remaining 4% goes for land and overhead.

• Work in Place—The ODM report also deals in detail with the cumulative value of work in place. These figures (table) are distinct from the statistics for work completed. They include value of projects at varying stages of incompleteness; when each project gets its last nail and dab of paint, it shifts to the "completed" column. That's the main reason for the huge gain in completions scheduled for 1953. A lot of projects started in prior years are paying off as completions.

The value of work put in place during first-quarter 1953 exceeded \$1.4-billion. ODM estimated that 67% of the \$25.8-billion value of projects

was in place by June 30.

 Comparative Gains—The following table shows how various segments of industry have progressed.

In large-scale projects, the best progress has been shown by the railroads, the aircraft engine manufacturers, and the primary steel producers. On estimates for June 30, the railroads had put 88.5% of their \$3.2-billion expansion in place; aircraft engine makers had passed 82.5% of their \$527-million program; and steel companies had hit 81.6% of their authorized \$2.3-billion expansion.

• Biggest Yet—The tax amortization program carried on since the Korea outbreak is already far ahead of similar programs that were set up during the two World Wars. In 1917-18, the program covered \$650-million of new facilities; in 1941-45, it covered \$6-billion.

There's no basis for comparison with the earlier programs, however. The incentive program since Korea has been much broader than those of the previous wars. World War I and World War II stimulus was pinpointed on munitions makers; the Korea expansion has given benefits to defense-supporting and essential civilian industries as well.

• A Trend?—This broadening of tax incentives may prove to be part of a trend. Congress talks more and more of setting up fast amortization as a permanent government stimulant for all types of industrial expansion. Just before Congress adjourned, Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) introduced a bill along these lines.

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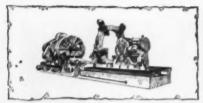


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Products of Petroleum and Coal-			
Total	1,933,066	50.9	1957
Petroleum Refining	1,615,366	50.5	1955
By-product Coke Ovens	219,633	58.5	1957
Other	98,067	40.8	1954
Transportation Equipment—Total	1,041,729	83.5	1956
Aircraft Engines and Parts	527,825	82.5	1956
Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary			
Equipment	206,771	86.7	1955
Aircraft	144,314	83.8	1954
Aircraft Propellers and Propeller			
Parts	29,367	93.5	1953
Other	133,452	79.8	1954
Machinery (except Electrical)—Total	749,205	78.1	1955
Metalworking Machinery	226,333	85.5	1955
General Industrial Machinery and	220,333	03.3	1733
Equipment	110,509	80.4	1954
Steam Engines, Turbines, and Water	110,309	00.4	1734
Wheels	45,913	40.8	1954
Other	366,450	77.5	1954
Pulp, Paper and Board Mills-Total	695,629	66.7	1955
Electrical Machinery, Equipment and			
Supplies Total	466,529	75.3	1954
Communication Equipment and			
Related Products	187,518	79.7	1954
Other	279,011	72.3	1954
Ordnance and Accessories—Total	324,667	94.8	1954
Other Manufacturing Industries—			
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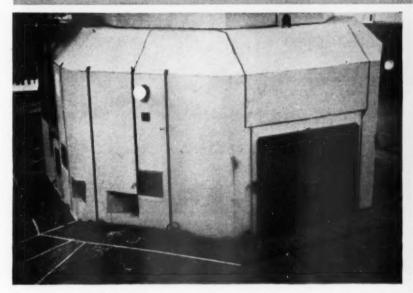


ATOMS are moving into the school's spotlight, now that the first privately owned reactor has . . .

## N. C. State Research



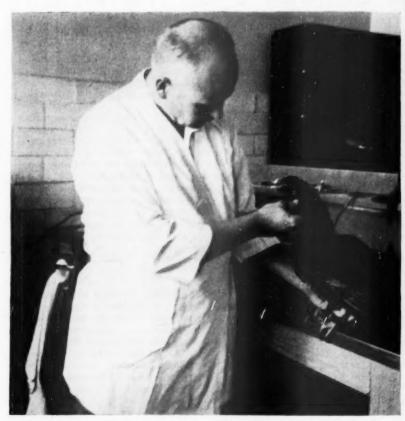
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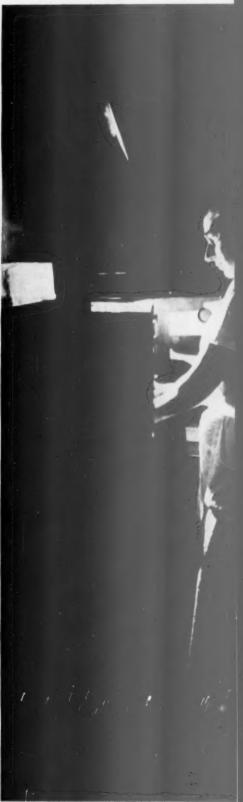
. . . gone to work. NCS is hoping that its new project will move its research out of the rather localized and practical fields common to state schools.

## Takes a Look at the Atom

(Story continues on page 110)



ANIMALS get plenty of attention in agricultural North Carolina. NCS does heavy work in diseases of poultry and farm animals.



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N. C. STATE students, back for fall term, find something new has been added . . .

## A College Eyes the Atom

(Story starts on page 108)

When North Carolina State College reopened for fall business a few weeks ago, returning students found something even more powerful than the football team: a brand-new nuclear reactor. Important research was already popping; the reactor had gone to work Sept. 5, flaunting a proud string of firsts. It was the first privately owned reactor, the first open to public view, and the whole project was the first of its type devoted wholly to peacetime atomic research.

• Local Aims—The nuclear project was not just dramatic, it was also a marked departure from the usual research trends of state colleges. Hitherto, North Carolina State, like most similar schools, had devoted its research to projects of specialized interest to the home state and its industries. Thus at NCS current targets include a weevil-proof cotton plant, disease-proof chicken farms.

The bulk of the school's active research programs concern textiles and agriculture—the keystones of North Carolina's economy.

It was no mere whim that turned NCS into the nuclear field. The school was casting about for a way to maintain its position in an increasingly technological society. Till the reactor came along, only a fraction of the school's research had been aimed at technical developments, although about half of its students were in engineering.

J. H. Lampe, dean of the engineering school, noted that other institutions already had a commanding lead in such research fields as the internal combustion engine, and mechanical engineering. That gave him the idea of a plunge into the relatively new and thinly populated areas of nucleonics.

In time, NCS emerged from a jungle of red tape triumphantly armed with the Atomic Energy Commission's permission to build the reactor and nuclear center. The Burlington Mills Foundation helped out on the financing.

• Projects—Meanwhile, though, there is to be no slackening of the engineering school's 108 other research projects, of which 14 are sponsored by the federal government and six by such corporations as the Texas Co. and Glendon Pyrophyllite Co. These projects are delving into such varied fields as refractories, stream pollution, ceramics, and multiharmonic microwave frequency standards. Chemical engineering, mathematics, and physics are all in the picture.

The list sounds fairly imposing, but actually the \$448,000 budget of NCS engineering research is dwarfed by the

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The Audit Bureau of Circulations is a voluntary, non-profit, cooperative association. It was founded in 1914 and now consists of 3450 advertisers, advertising agencies and publishers in the United States and Canada. This magazine is proud to be a member.

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\$2.5-million devoted to agricultural research.

The director of this agricultural research, Dr. R. W. Cummings, has a rather freer hand than the college's other programs. That's because the 20% of his funds that come from the federal government and the 60% from the state have fewer strings attached than most industrial contributions. This enables Cummings to go in heavily for basic studies that have a long-range potential.

One aspect of this research is a study of the fundamental laws governing genes, chromosomes, and the genetic variations of irradiated seeds.

 The Weevil—Cotton still gets high billing, with experiments in the crossing of wild and domestic types to develop the best qualities. For example, take a new approach to the boll weevil menace.

These crafty insects take refuge in the leaves that surround the cotton bloom—and shield the weevil from sprays and insecticidal dusts.

The researchers have noted that one variety of wild cotton has practically none of these leaves. If this quality can be transferred to the domestic cottons, the weevil won't be able to find any hiding place.

Chickens and domestic animals also come under the probing eyes of North Carolina State scientists. Deceased poultry from all over the state are sent in for post mortem studies of cause and future cure.

Of course, these practical concerns impinge on Cummings' relative freedom.

As he puts it himself, "Our external pressures are likely to be directed toward short-range research. Administratively, we realize that the advances of the future are going to come from the long-range work without any immediately recognizable benefits. We try to keep a balance between the two."

• Textiles—Such balance is more difficult for William Newell, boss of textile research. About 92% of his funds come from industrial clients, who take a restricted interest in long-range projects that might help their competitors as much as themselves.

In North Carolina's economy, textiles closely rival agriculture in importance. This is reflected in the NCS research. The school has replicas of most textile machines, and uses them for studies of textile processing, chemistry and dyeing, and the search for new fibers.

The research is divided roughly evenly between the mills and the makers of synthetic fibers. In the synthetic field, the school does work for such outfits as American Cyanamid Corp., Celanese Corp. of America, Dow Chemical Co., B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., and Saran Yarns Co.

• Statistics—Along with its materialtype projects, NCS has two other quite different programs: An Institute of Statistics is trying to improve experimental procedures, and (2) an Industrial Psychology section is working on such human problems as accidents, management selection, and equipment design.

To some extent, the Institute of Statistics functions as an arm of the agricultural section. Thus, though it does much basic work on statistical methods, it always keeps in mind the special needs of the agricultural scientists. By the same token, other NCS research programs can call on the institute for improved methods of testing their findings.

The institute gets most of its funds from the school itself, for which it does a share of work. But defense agencies have also assigned basic projects to it, and the Rockefeller Foundation has helped.

• Psychology—The Industrial Psychology group, for its part, gets nearly all its funds directly from projects it is carrying out. For one thing, it handles all the eye tests for automobile drivers in North Carolina, which is the only state using special machines to make this test. And the state Department of Motor Vehicles in return provides more than half of the institute's total funds.

With part of this money, along with help from the State Optometric Society and from industrial clients such as the McLean Trucking Co. of Winston-Salem, the institute does research in the causes of auto and truck accidents, the relation of vision to efficiency, and similar subjects.

Up to now, most of this work has been applied research, but from now on the institute hopes to dig more into the basic aspects of attitudes and emotions. The goal: the abstract keys to new practical problems.

new practical problems.

• Balancing Act—The institute hopes to get financial assistance for these basic studies. If it does, it will have the same problem as the agricultural research group in trying to balance pressure from outside—notably from those supplying funds—against the hopes and plans of the administrators.

Actually, this problem of balancing pressures is practically universal among college research departments. The men running the departments want to do basic research. They know that industry runs on the basic research work done in the universities over the years. They know the universities are the natural centers for such research. But still they feel that applied projects are needed to keep scientific staffs going and to supplement funds obtained from the universities' endowment funds—funds that haven't gained so fast as inflation has run up costs (BW—Sep.12'53,p81).



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In earlier editions, Stewart restricted the dictionary to the protective and decorative coatings industry. Now Stewart has greatly expanded the new

And in the future, he hopes for still further expansion.

The nearly 800-page volume includes many of the trade names used in the chemical process industries as well as the general terms for raw materials and descriptive terms of processes. For instance, the volume defines Kadox as the trade name for a group of lead-free zinc oxides produced by New Jersey Zinc

Yet it also defines such general terms as light, lime, and paint.

Stewart, who was formerly special assistant to the Quartermaster General. spent more than a year doing research work in order to produce the new and enlarged book.



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A contract assuring continuation of an infrared spectroscopy project at the University of Tennessee has been signed by the Army's Office of Ordnance Research and the chemistry and physics departments of the school. The project is a basic study of the mechanical qualities of molecules, which may give information on a molecule's size, shape, and other properties.

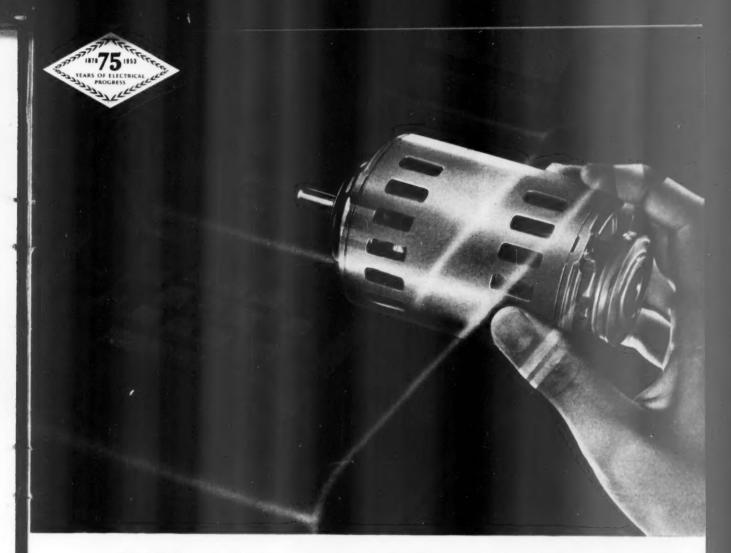
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Camels are next on the list of animals to be studied by Duke University scientists. A group from Duke recently planned a trip to study the giraffe, hoping to get information of value in combating high blood pressure (BW-Jun. 27'53,p166). Now a Duke research pair. Knut and Bodil Schmidt-Nielsen, plan to study the secret of the camel's survival in hot, dry climates.

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...some have grown big enough to start plants in the East. Two of the most recent . . .

# L. A. Way: No Plunge But an

This December, Hoffman Radio Corp. of Los Angeles will open a brandnew television manufacturing plant across the Rockies in Kansas City. In so doing, Hoffman is adding momentum to a move that promises to have a growing impact on the West Coast business picture-especially around the Los Angeles area.

Traditionally, most companies have branched westward. Some—among them Carnation Co., Rexall Drugs, Inc., and American Potash & Chemical Corp. recently have even established headquarters there, though this has never been a major trend. Now an impressive number of Los Angeles and other California businesses are heading east.

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# Easygoing Push

subsidiary, Calso, in the East, and Pabco Products, Inc. (San Francisco), built a huge plant in New Jersey. Lately a number of Los Angeles companies that sell nationally have felt the need for plants in the East to speed service to castern and midwestern markets. One

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others that have branched eastward

Challengers from L. A.—This development is something that could change most businessmen's point of view about Los Angeles. Up to now, the sprawling West Coast city has mostly spelled a lush market to outsiders; from here on it may look more like breeding ground for a nest of competitors.

• He's Not a Type-Just what sort of management man does Los Angeles

breed?

Trying to pick a type is pretty much a waste of effort. Unlike Detroit's automen (BW-Apr.25'53,p56) or the high-flying Houston wildcatter, the Los Angeles executive doesn't really fit a pattern.

For one thing there is a diversity of business, which complicates the picture. L. A. isn't an auto town or a textile, banking, or insurance town. No one industry dominates. Oil is big-two of the three companies in the top 100 nationally (based on assets) that are located in L. A. are oil companies, Union Oil Co. of California and Richfield Oil Co. (the third is Kaiser Steel Co.). But oil doesn't dominate. Neither does aircraft-despite Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., North American Aviation, Inc., and Lockheed Aircraft Corp. nor movies, electronics, textiles, agriculture, construction, though all are big. And lately Los Angeles has become a major insurance center.

Even so, there are some distinctions you can draw that at least give part of

an answer to the question.

#### I. What They Do

In Los Angeles, there are three major groups. One is the large number of branch plant managers. They form the bulk of management people. They feel their pay falls short of that for comparable positions in the East, but working conditions are good and many would quit their jobs rather than go back East.

Then there are the small manufacturers—hundreds of them. They get a kick out of their work because L. A. offers a lot of custom business. As owners, they can take more out of their business than they could get in big salaries somewhere else, They're made up of older people who came West to retire but gravitated back into business; young people that like to stay put; employees of big Eastern companies who quit their jobs and opened a business to make L. A. their permanent home.

A third group is likely to get larger as the electronics and engineering business booms. More than in most cities, everywhere you turn you find a president who has an engineering or some other scientific degree. These are men



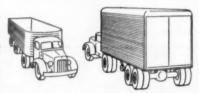
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such as Carl F. Braun, founder of C. F. Braun & Co., which builds oil refineries and chemical plants (about \$85-million worth a year). Dr. Arnold O. Beckman (Ph.D.) heads Beckman Instruments, Inc.; Philip S. Fogg runs Consolidated Engineering Corp. (BW-Nov.5'52, p170); Trevor Gardner, 36, chairman of the board of Hycon Mfg. Co., is now on leave as special assistant to the Air Force Secretary.

These and others like them have something else in common. Because it's industrially young, in L. A. many top executives still run businesses that they founded or developed. Leo M. Harvey is president of Harvey Aluminium; Hugh L. Clary heads Clary Multiplier Corp.; Thomas E. Leavey and John C. Tyler are top operators of the Farmers Insurance group, which they started 25 years ago.

Then, of course, there are the heads of companies that rank among the major U.S. corporations—The Bank of America, Union Oil, Richfield, Kaiser, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., General Petroleum Corp., and the aircraft industry.

#### II. How They Operate

Such heterogeneity makes it hard to pin a label on the Los Angeleno executive. He doesn't wear a 10-gallon hat and high-heeled boots. But just the same, there are some common characteristics.

One important thing to remember is that he has been part of what until fairly recently was in many ways an isolated economy. Before the big California population spurt in the past 25 years, distance coupled with transportation problems was enough to deter many U.S. firms from doing business on the West Coast. A lot of things in recent times have altered that but many of the men who run business there to-day grew up in that atmosphere.

If you do business with them, though, you'll find they aren't markedly provincial in outlook. They subscribe to all the Washington news outlets they can get, to national business and news magazines. They have their regional publications, but they want to keep tabs on what's going on throughout the country. On Asia, they are probably more internationally minded than some of their counterparts in New York. That's understandable, especially in view of their fond hope that if Asia ever develops Los Angeles will become the center of the world. They exhibit less knowledge, interest, or concern about Europe, of course.

• One-man Shows—When it comes to their businesses, the thing that strikes an outsider is their stress on selfreliance. When they have a business problem, they try to figure out the



# Another TOCCO* First:

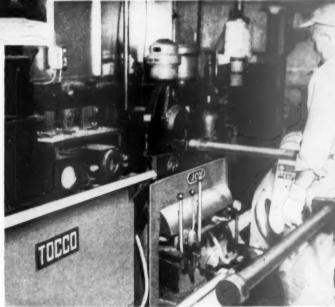


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answer themselves, instead of checking what others are doing about it.

They aren't association-minded as, for instance, San Francisco management people are. In San Francisco, two or three telephone calls will give you an answer to many business questions. That's not true in L. A. Executives stick pretty close to their jobs; many aren't very well acquainted beyond their own industry circles.

• The Life-Because everybody comes to Los Angeles, the Los Angeles executive probably knows many out-oftowners as well as he does businessmen of his own community-and some recent arrivals make a point of selling the visitors on the glories of L. A. Executives' homes are spread out in widely separated sections of the city. For the most part, the homes are not so pretentious as most people think, although backyard swimming pools are not too unusual and the ranch-type houses can get pretty plush. On the social side, L. A. has few well-established cliques. Most executives belong to two or even three of the downtown clubs where they lunch-the Jonathan, the California, and the University Club. Many also belong to residential clubs, like the Bel-Air Club.

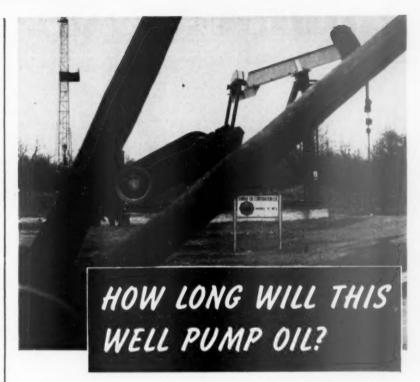
• Home-town Spirit—Although they aren't provincial in the usual sense of the word, they are rather smug about doing business in the easy-living West. They claim New Yorkers, to justify their harassed eastern existence, have to convince themselves they live in the hub of the country.

But the Chamber of Commerce brand of bluff camaraderie—the booming "Los Angeles is bigger and better" approach—is somewhat subdued nowadays, although there's a united effort to get more of the basic industries that Los Angeles lacks.

• No Plunger—There's no doubt that living is easier in the West. On the whole, the L. A. executives manage to steer clear of frenzy. They aren't gamblers—though a field such as oil has built-in risks. There's none of the plunger you'll find in other places. For instance, many a native businessman didn't see the tremendous potential in his own backyard until branch plants of eastern companies started popping up everywhere. Today, L. A. is still essentially a branch plant town. For a city as big as it is, that's significant.

But they aren't conservatives, either. They fall halfway between a Denver and Houston executive.

They lack the plunger's attitude toward money. As businessmen, they look two ways—production and sales. They'll shy at a financial problem.
• Relaxed—This absence of hurly-burly habits shows up in their attitude toward work. Top executives aren't drivers. They often take two and a half



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#### III. Bird's-eye View

H. Leslie Hoffman of Hoffman Radio is probably as near to a type as you can find. He's head of his own business, is expanding eastward, runs an electronics company, and came out from the East to stay. He acts as spokesman for his industry, but isn't too well known outside his own bailiwick.

• In a Day—You get a glimpse of the L. A. picture in action when you look at Hoffman's life. Hoffman, who lives in San Marino, a northwest suburb, gets up at 6:45 a.m., checks in at the office no later than 9 o'clock. On the way, he usually drops his daughter Jane off at school. He drives his own car—a 1953 Cadillac—to work. It takes him 25 minutes to drive the 13 miles to his office. His office isn't particularly fancy.

He has a tailor-made desk big enough to hold blueprints of new products. His walls are covered with functional things like sales charts.

In a day he'll talk to from 20 people to as many as 60. At least two nights a week Hoffman works until 10:30 p.m. On another two nights he takes work home. But he studiously keeps Friday nights and weekends completely free.

His chief outdoor diversion is golf. He's also active in the Civic Light Opera and the Hollywood Bowl concert associations. He's also head of the Chamber of Commerce TV committee.

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#### THE MANAGEMENT PATTERN

#### Business and Sociology

AST WEEK another attempt was made to see if universities and business could achieve the sort of cooperation in sociology—the science of how people live and work in groups—that already exists in the physical sciences.

The meeting was held in New York. On the one side were top social scientists Rensis Likert of the University of Michigan's Institute of Social Research, Samuel A. Stouffer of Harvard's Laboratory of Social Research, Robert Merton of Columbia's Bureau of Applied Social Research, and Solomon Fabricant of the National Bureau of Economic Research. For business there were personnel and industrial relations men from such companies as General Electric, Standard Oil (N. J.), AT&T.

The idea was the brain child of Rex F. Harlow, a West Coast public relations consultant and publisher of the Social Science Reporter (BW—May9'53,p70). Harlow wanted to get the group in an all-day session to swap views on the sociologists' role in business.

R ELATIONS BETWEEN the universities and business have been getting a lot closer in the last few years. But there's still one big deficiency: The cooperation has been largely confined to the physical sciences and to those social sciences most closely identified with the

immediate problems of management—like economics.

Last week's meeting cast some light on why:

• The sociologists were on the defensive from the start. The industry people wanted to know, "What can you do for us?" They weren't fully convinced that sociologists could be practical.

 Business still isn't certain that it wants the kind of elaborate research in sociology that it supports in other sciences.

**S** EVERAL REASONS lie behind these attitudes. The sociologists are unable to point to many major successes in their fields as the chemists, say, can in theirs.

Then there's the age-old hurdle that faces all students of human motivations and group actions: At best, controlled experiments are time-consuming and difficult.

On top of that, the sociologists must by the nature of their work delve into ticklish areas of management philosophy and motives.

Despite these difficulties, management has never barred sociologists. But neither has it accepted them as it has other scientists.

Dr. Stouffer came up with what might be the answer. He suggested that business establish for social studies something similar to the famous Bell Telephone Laboratories for the physical sciences.

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· Special Equipment-While this is going on at headquarters, the plant that will handle the order also gets in the act. It receives the necessary information by teletype machine, which prints the order instructions and at the same time also punches out a duplicate tape.

Big Steel calls its method an "integrated data processing system through common-language machines." The company is already using some machines equipped for the new process, but it reports that most office equipment cannot be converted to tape procedure. However, manufacturers are beginning to turn out typewriters, calculators, bookkeeping machines, and production re-corders that are ready for single-tape

U.S. Steel says that conversion may be expensive, but that savings in time and paper work should make it worth while.

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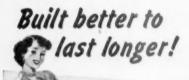
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Stock purchase plans are on the rise in Canada. Aluminium, Ltd., is the latest to join the trend with an initial 160,000 shares set aside for purchase by the company's 25,000 workers.

North Carolina's attorney general has ruled that state-chartered companies can make limited educational donations without stockholder consent. This is in line with a recent New Jersey court ruling upholding a company's right to make unrestricted donations to universities (BW-Jun.6'53,p67).

Vanderbilt University has set up an Institute of Industrial Research & Development. Facilities are being rented for \$1 a year from Tennessee Products & Chemical Corp. Equipment installed by Tennessee Products and other companies for research projects will remain at the institute.

Engineering and research personnel of Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass., who engage in graduate studies will get a helping hand with their tuition costs under a new company grant-in-aid plan.

General Electric has added a fifth product department—commercial equipment—to its electronics division. The new department will handle GE's TV station equipment and industrial radio communications. It was formed, says GE, as part of the product concentration program required by its growing electronics business.

U. S. Rubber Co. has shifted vice-president John P. Coe from his job as general manager of its Naugatuck Chemical Division to handle the company's interests in the forthcoming transfer of the government's synthetic plants to private hands (BW-Jun 6'53,p26).

Industrial pension plans negotiated by unions have more leeway on retirement age than plans set up by the companies themselves, according to a study by the Bankers Trust Co. Only a third of the union-negotiated plans call for automatic retirement at 65 against three-fourths of the company plans.

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# "UTILISCOPE"

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"Utiliscope" camera provides the EYES for watching cane conveyor load and reporting to control tower.

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Diamond "Utiliscope" has solved many difficult problems in materials handling where it is necessary to observe things which are too remote, too inaccessible, too hot, or too dangerous for direct observation. Write for Bulletin 1136T; it suggests many uses that cut costs and improve operations.



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## Dams, Cables, Congress

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But the Federal Government is solidly planted in the industry because a lot of electricity comes from the flowing waters in the nation's navigable streams.

 Taking the Reins—Congress gathered its vast authority over power through its constitutional authority to regulate interstate commerce—which means authority to control interstate waterways.

And the same dam that controls a flood or irrigates a field also produces power as a byproduct.

Through its own actions and with a helping hand from the Supreme Court, Congress by 1940 had become the final arbiter in the use, misuse, or waste of the power in almost any interstate stream—even some that could hardly float more than a rowboat.

• Key—This comprehensive authority, liberally delegated to the executive departments, is the key to any understanding of the high-voltage oratory over water power development. About 26% of the energy produced in the U.S. comes from hydropower—and about 90% of the controversy. The government itself produces about 13% of the total power.

Here are the agencies in the middle of the squabbles:

 Federal Power Commission exercises part of the authority delegated by Congress: It makes decisions on development by nonfederal agencies.

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It is then FPC's job to determine whether the proposal allows for the most comprehensive development of the site. A staff of FPC lawyers and engineers gives each application a thorough going-over. Any opposition is heard in trial-like proceedings—first before an FPC examiner and later before the full, five-man commission.

The Federal Power Commission—like any regulatory agency—doesn't operate in a political vacuum. The President names its members for five-year terms, and on hot issues in the past it has managed to see eye-to-eye with the administration in power.

• Exhibit A—The battle over who is to build what kind of dam or dams at Hells Canyon on the Snake River in Idaho is a top example of how power generates controversy. A hearing is now being held by an FPC examiner to decide whether the private or public project is best.

Idaho Power Co. is arguing that its plan for three low dams along the Hells Canyon site is superior to one high dam that might be built by the federal government or some other agency.

Hells Canyon has a long history of political controversy. Politicians and others from the Oregon-Idaho area still split down the middle over private or federal development. Farmers, unions, and industrialists take both sides.

• High Dam, Low Dams—Idaho Power's low-dam plan has some points in its favor. The projects can all be in production in three years or less from the time a license is issued. Total cost of the three low dams is about one-third of the single high dam.

The federal high-dam plan is still indefinite. Congress would have to authorize it and appropriate money for it. And it would take 8 to 10 years to build. Main points in its favor are that it would produce more power and have considerably more storage area.

Part of the conflict at Hells Canyon, on the surface at least, is between the two types of projects.

· Public vs. Private-A prime example



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of a purely private-public conflict is in proposals to develop additional power at Niagara Falls. In this case, Congress has maintained its own jurisdiction.

The fight here is only on who will build the project. Major contestants are five big New York electric companies on the one side, and the state of New York on the other. Under the Truman Administration, the federal government had also bid to build the huge power project, but the Republican Administration has withdrawn.

The five companies won the initial round this year when the House voted to direct FPC to issue a license to them. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, speaking for the state, succeeded in stalling

action in the Scnate.

• Power vs. Other Interests-Still another variation of the conflict comes when a proposed water power project interferes with other interests. It's relatively easy to understand why Pennsylvania coal men would oppose the huge St. Lawrence power project, which dims some of the prospects for an expanding coal market in that area.

But there are all sorts of other conflicts between water power and other interests. In the Pacific Northwest, commercial and sports fishing organizations oppose power projects that might interfere with their fishing runs. Landowners whose acreage would be flooded also become highly vocal.

· Federal Projects-The federal government has come in as a competitor in electric power generation when Congress, as big boss over the nation's rivers, has directed it to build scores of projects including power generation facilities.

These projects are partially justified on the ground of some flood control, navigation, irrigation or recreation features. But to provide the most comprehensive development of the water resource, power production is often an

integral part of the project.

The planning and construction agencies like TVA, Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation work under general authority granted by Congress, but their first-hand knowledge in the field often gives them information and training that Congress just doesn't possess. Thus with aggressive men in these agencies, there is always the chance that they will seize these advantages to shape development programs to their own liking.

This happened time and again during the New and Fair Deal periods.

#### II. Marketing

With few exceptions power produced at plants of private electric companies, states, municipalities, or other non-federal agencies is marketed in more or less the same way. Occasionally FPC

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But marketing of power produced at federal plants is something else again. The kilowatts are the same, but who will distribute the power is a hot issue. The biggest fights in Congress are over federal transmission lines. Private companies have long wanted to buy electricity at the dams, deliver it to customers. Public power crusaders continually pressure for public lines, with the federal agency dealing directly with the customers.

· Public vs. Private Again-Public agencies and cooperatives in the power distribution business have a big stake in a federal power project. Under the law, they get first preference in buying the power. And because the government pays no taxes to itself, they get relatively cheap rates.

But cheaper power doesn't solve all their problems. Getting the electricity from the dam to the publicly owned

system is expensive.

• Methods-These methods are used to

get power from plant to consumer:

Bus bar sales—This is the "come and get it" way. The marketing agency simply sells power at the dam or a switchyard. The actual connection is made at the plant bus bar. All power is sold this way at Hoover Dam.

Federal transmission-Second way to deliver federal power is to transmit it over government-built lines. Bonneville Power Administration has an extensive

transmission system for this purpose. Wheeling-The irregular flow of rivers frequently rules them out as producers of constant or "firm" power, and makes their power high in cost, but in conjunction with steam plants, they do offer economical power.

Thus in the Southwest and to a lesser extent in the Southeast, novel marketing arrangements are in effect.

These "wheeling" contracts work like this: An electric company takes power produced at the federal project into its system, "firms it up" by power from its own steam plants. An amount of power equivalent to that taken in is delivered to the preference customer over company lines. The government pays the company for the service. The preference customer deals directly with the government.

• New Proposal-One result of these contracts has been, in effect, to put the private company in a position of helping the government steal customers.

Georgia Power Co. is now negotiating to put a new twist in these contracts. It's willing to serve the preference customers. But the company wants to buy the power at the bus bar and keep the preference customer as a customer of the company.



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ALL THROUGH the night, records are raw material for radio, fees for ASCAP.



DELEGATION: Copyright-law hearings brought this ASCAP elite corps to Washington in 1914. Front row, starting second from left: Von Tilzer, Berlin, Herbert, Buck, Sousa.

# **ASCAP:** Collecting

Because more and more of the U.S. public is waking up to music, working to music, eating to music, and relaxing to music, a society called ASCAP will probably collect more money this year

than ever before in its history—a fact that will be music to the ears of its 3,400-odd members.

Last week ASCAP, the pronounceable abbreviation for the American So-



1 A.M. Art Ford winds up first hour on WNEW, New York.



2 A.M. On Milkman's Matinee, Ford aims at musical balance.



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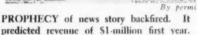
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orchestras play the music of our members, they will have to pay for the right to do so. That is only fair."







MOST PERFORMED tune, Stardust, took crown from The Stars and Stripes Forever.



PRESIDENT of ASCAP today is Stanley Adams, lawyer with 100 published tunes.

# for the Piper's Tune

ciety of Composers, Authors & Publishers, told its West Coast members at a Los Angeles meeting that revenue in the first eight months of 1953 was something to sing and shout about.

Unofficial word was that collections had run to the tune of some \$11.4million, roughly \$650,000 more than in the same period last year. At that rate, the year's take would be close to \$17-million-the total last year was \$16.3-million.

It would be the most money ASCAP had ever collected in nearly 40 years of making the man who pays the fiddler



Earfuls and mouthfuls-Ford has had 11 years on WNEW.



Avoid record jag, says Ford. He strains to vary format.



Played out, the milkman 5 A.M. soon plods home to sleep.



pay the composer of the fiddler's music.

• Musical Payoff—ASCAP, a unique, nonprofit business organization, is what is known as a performing-rights society. The roots of its family tree are embedded in the dry legalisms of the U.S. copyright law of 1909, which establishes the right of composers and publishers to be paid whenever their works are performed publicly for profit.

(Technically, a performing right is a "little" right. So are a mechanical right, which applies to the recording of music, and a synchronization right, which covers the use of music in a film sound track. A "grand right," or dramatic-musical right, concerns the whole of the music in a show or skit, as origi-

nally produced.)
ASCAP is interested solely in the performing rights. When the weekend trio at the Step-Inn bumps its way through Stardust, Hoagy Carmichael, who wrote the music, is entitled to be paid. The Boston Symphony Orchestra performs the Firebird Suite, and Igor Stravinsky has a cut coming to him.

• Collection Agency—ASCAP collects the fees for these composers, as it does for the 2,842 other composers and authors (lyric writers) and the 565 publishers who have contributed the half-million copyrighted titles in the society's catalogs. (A copyright runs for 28 years, is then renewable for another 28 years. After that, the work passes into the public domain.)

ASCAP, then, could be described as

ASCAP, then, could be described as a giant collection agency. It operates through a system of licenses, but it's a collections agency all the same. At the moment, it is a fairly tranquil giant. But it has had a battle-filled past.

#### I. Making the Fiddler Pay

Most of ASCAP's youth, and a good part of its adult life, has been spent in the courts. In the beginning, it had to fight for recognition and the protection of the copyrights of its members. Later, it had to defend its existence in a series of battles with the Antitrust Division of the Justice Dept.

The idea of a U.S. society to safeguard the rights of composers probably traces back to talks between Victor Herbert and Giacomo Puccini, when the Italian composer was in this country about 1910. It was Herbert who translated talk into action.

• Piracy in Gotham—In the early 1900s New York was a bounding main for music pirates. Cabaret and restaurant owners simply took the music they wanted, played it, and paid not a cent to the composers.

One night in 1913, while Herbert's show Sweethearts was on Broadway, the composer walked into Shanley's Restaurant, which stood where the

Paramount Theatre is now. The orchestra was playing music from Sweethearts, and Herbert lost no time in telling Shanley that under the copyright law, he—Herbert—had some money due him from a public performance for profit. Shanley countered by saying that no one paid an admission charge to come into the restaurant, that the music was only incidental, and that therefore the performance was not for profit. Herbert sued.

• Hanging Together-Herbert soon found he was up against a united front of hotel and restaurant owners, many of whom rushed to Shanley's defense.

Herbert and others decided the composers needed unity, too. On Feb. 13, 1914, they met at the Claridge Hotel and officially brought ASCAP into being. Among the 10 founders were Herbert; John Golden, the playwright and producer; George Maxwell, the music publisher; Gustave Kerker, who wrote the Belle of New York; Raymond Hubbell, composer of Poor Butterfly; Jay Witmark of the publishing house of the same name; and Nathan Burkan, who became ASCAP's counsel.

• Court Blessing—The Herbert suit dragged through the courts, losing each round until it reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1917. In a unanimous decision written by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, that court decided that Herbert was right. The music was, indeed, played for profit.

"If the music did not pay," the court said, "it would be given up. If it pays, it pays out of the public pocketbook. Whether it pays or not, the purpose of employing it is profit, and that is enough."

Making It Stick—It was certainly enough for ASCAP. The right of copyright owners to control public performances of their works was now clearly established. But impressing cabaret owners with the fact, and extracting performance fees from them, was something else. And this was exactly what ASCAP had been formed to do—no composer, acting as an individual, could possibly collect the money due him from the hundreds of places his music was played.

Month after month, the society went to court with new infringement suits. Costs far exceeded what was taken in. Not until 1921 did ASCAP make its first distribution of \$81,833 to its members. And then, suddenly, there was a new problem, the appearance of a phenomenon that was to become the greatest mass consumer of music in history. Radio arrived on the scene.

#### II. Age of Radio

At the start, while stations were digging their toes in, ASCAP charged nothing or only a nominal fee for playing members' music (it followed this same practice years later when TV started). But when stations began to make money, ASCAP thrust out its palm. And the palm got slapped.

Said various station owners: "This is not public performance for profit. There's no audience in the studio." Or, "Radio doesn't broadcast music; it emanates electrical energy." Again there was a long, dry spell of litigation, until the Supreme Court once more decided the issue: The broadcast of music was public performance for profit; composers were entitled to fair fees for it.

• What Is Fair?—This settled a great deal in one sense, but little in another. From the start, there was hasseling over what constituted a fair fee. As radio grew and profited, the hassels became more and more bitter. There were contract crises in 1932, when ASCAP first began to charge stations a percentage fee based on their gross time sales, and in 1935. In 1941, the lid blew off.

Probably not one person in 100 had ever heard of ASCAP until the great blackout, or what has become known as the era of Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair. Hopelessly deadlocked over contract terms (ASCAP wanted 7½% of the networks' gross time sales), radio threw ASCAP music off the air, and went it alone, subsisting at the start mainly on works in the public domain.

• Pyrrhic Victory—For 10 months—from January to early November—hardly a wisp of ASCAP music was heard on the airwaves. When a pact was finally signed, ASCAP came off second-best. Though it won the right to collect at the source—from the place where music originates, instead of from the individual stations in a hookup—it was forced to settle for 2½% of the gross intake of the major networks.

In the meantime, ASCAP had lost 10 months' revenue and now had to face a rival: Broadcast Music, Inc., which the radio industry had set up to fill the ASCAP void with its own stable of non-ASCAP composers.

BMI remains a healthy competitor today. Its catalog, both standard and popular, now includes about 132,000 titles. Many of them—The Song from Moulin Rouge, Because of You—are top hits.

#### III. In and Out of Court

Trouble is likely to come in batches, and for ASCAP it did. In the middle and late 30s, bitterness and organized pressure against ASCAP's ascending rates brought vigorous court and legislative action. Within a decade, Nebraska, Florida, Kansas, North Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, and Montana all passed laws aimed at restricting the society's activity. The Nebraska law,



LIBRARY: At WNEW, Ford can pick from 60,000 records—ASCAP and BMI.

for instance, outlawed any combination that fixes the amount of money to be paid for public performance of music. It was up to each composer and author to collect the fees due him.

Most of these laws have now gone by the board, or simply aren't enforced. (The state of Washington, ASCAP says, is the only one in which it still has any trouble doing business.)

• Federal Action—Antitrust troubles plagued ASCAP, too. In 1941, Thurman Arnold revived a Justice Dept. suit of 1934 to bring a criminal antitrust

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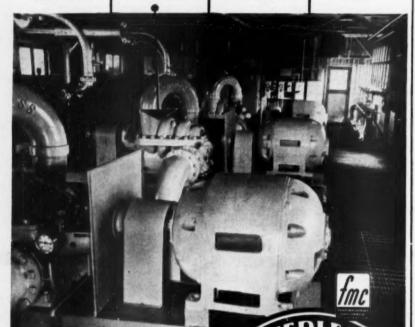
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action against ASCAP under the Sherman Act. The charges: illegal pooling of copyrights to monopolize supply; discrimination against outside composers; restraining composers in their right to

bargain for the sale of their own music. Ultimately, ASCAP signed a consent decree, an agreement that went a long way toward shaping the way the

society operates today.

ASCAP kept alive, but it no longer could act as the exclusive agent for its members; they could deal individually with users of music, if they preferred. A broadcaster was given the choice of using either a blanket license or paying for his music on a per-piece or per-program basis. The society's board of directors was shorn of its self-perpetuating powers. And the minimum requirement for a song writer to become a member was changed to the publication of one song, rather than the former prerequisite of five.

• More Cases-In 1947, Justice filed another suit, this time a civil action charging that the society was part of an international music cartel by virtue of its cross-licensing agreements with similar societies in 25 other countries.

In a consent decree signed in 1950, ASCAP was enjoined from holding and licensing the performing rights to foreign compositions on an exclusive basis.

A third consent decree, growing out of another suit and signed the same year, stopped ASCAP from collecting from theater exhibitors for motion picture performance rights (the producer of the film now pays for clearance of the performing rights of movie music), further restricted it in its licensing agreements with radio and TV, and required that the society parcel out its revenue to members primarily on performance

#### IV. Who Pays?

ASCAP today has upward of 20,000 licensees-including radio and TV networks and stations. hotels, ballrooms, skating rinks, movie theaters that use intermission music, lounges, wired music services-in short, practically every type of business that puts music into the air for profit.

· Big Menu-From each licensee, the society extracts a fee that's based on any of several formulas. Generally, the license is a blanket one, which means the establishment can use as much of ASCAP's catalog as it wants, as often

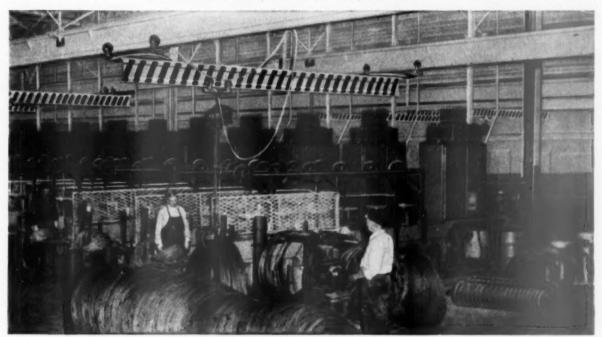
as it wants to.

This amounts to a sizable musical helping. There are roughly 100,000 works in the society's catalogs that have had some degree of public performance; several of them-like Happy Birthday to You-are practically indispensable. Many of the songs were written by men whose names are now

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bywords in American music-Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, Rudolf Friml, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Sigmund Romberg, Vincent Youmans, Otto Harbach, Oscar

Hammerstein, Larry Hart.
• Radio-TV-The biggest single chunk of ASCAP's revenue-about 80% of it, in fact-comes from radio-TV. The trade paper Variety estimates that this year radio alone will pour close to \$9-million into the society's coffers, while TV, which is fast gaining on its sightless cousin, will add another \$5million. The present radio contract, which is in effect through 1958, calls for the networks to pay 21% of their gross time sales to ASCAP; the rate for individual stations is 21% of their sales of nonnetwork time.

TV pays the radio rate, plus onetenth more, the extra being based on the fact that both sight and sound are involved. TV contracts, however, expire the end of this year. Whether the present rate will stick in the new pacts

isn't known vet.

· Other Uses-Beyond radio-TV, license fees-and the way they're computed-range all over the lot. Generally. though, they depend on the size of the operation and the amount of music

A hotel pays a percentage of its total amusement costs. One like the Waldorf-Astoria would probably pay the maximum rate of \$3,500 a year. Clancy's Spa, a small summer resort with dancing only on Saturday nights, might pay \$30 or \$40. Ballrooms pay a percentage of their boxoffice take; grills, a rate based on the size of the room, the number of people seated and other factors. Wired music services pay a percentage of their gross.

Technically, ASCAP could collect from bars that use radios for background music, but it generally doesn't bother to do it. ASCAP would very much like to get in on the silver that's gobbled up by juke boxes, but as coinoperated machines they're outside the 1909 copyright law. Before ASCAP can claim a cut, it will have to get the

law changed.

• Policing-Though ASCAP's collection job is a great deal bigger than it was in its early days of 200 members, its buttonholing problems are a lot simpler. Time was when as many as 600 copyright infringement suits might be pending at once. Now there may be only 20 in an entire year.

ASCAP's 108-man field force-there are branch offices or representatives in all the 48 states, plus Hawaii and Puerto Rico-can now usually accomplish with a polite letter what used to

take a summons to do.

Their main police action amounts to watching the newspapers for openings of new places that would be likely to When's the Big Selling season



in Pennsylvania?



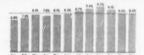
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## St. Louis utilities take the "big look"... plan to double generating capacity

In St. Louis, as elsewhere, public utilities have taken the "big look" into the future.

Union Electric Co., for example, has upped its output from 900,000 kw. since the war. One of the ten largest private power companies generating over 1 million kw., it is shooting for 2 million during the next 15 years.

In this same area, Illinois Power Co. just completed a 150,000 kw. station at Wood River and an additional 100,000 kw. station is under construction.

Rome Cable, also, has taken the "big look." Since dependable power distribution calls for the best in cable quality, Rome has, from the beginning, equipped itself for completeness of service and maintenance of the highest standard of workmanship. Manufacture of both copper and aluminum conductors, from "bar to finished wire," makes quality control possible, step by step. One example is the ionization level testing of all cables rated at 3000 volts or over, to determine their behavior in service.

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use music. The next step, and usually the last, is a letter to the owner suggesting that he will probably want to take out an ASCAP license.

#### V. Who Gets Paid?

With the exception of what it costs to operate—and overhead normally runs in the neighborhood of 20% of gross—everything that ASCAP takes in goes out to its members. Half goes to publishers, half to composers and authors.

When a song writer joins ASCAP, he assigns to it the nonexclusive right to collect all performance fees due on his works. For this he pays dues of \$10 a year; a publisher pays \$50. Dues go solely to the support of needy writers.

• Cutting the Melon—The present system of dividing up the booty hews to the straight and narrow of the 1950 consent decree. The old method—which lumped composers and authors arbitrarily in one of 18 classifications—produced grumbling and discontent. The truth is, however, that no one close to the society can ever remember an open attack on its honesty.

The present method, a complicated formula that ASCAP took six pages to explain to its members, is based primarily on the number of times a composer's works are performed. An involved weighting process is used that takes into account current performances, performances over the last five years, and the composer's length of ASCAP membership. The classification committee can then make adjustments for composers of serious work—music that has "a unique prestige value which is not reflected by the number of performances."

Publishers are paid by a different formula, also based on performances.

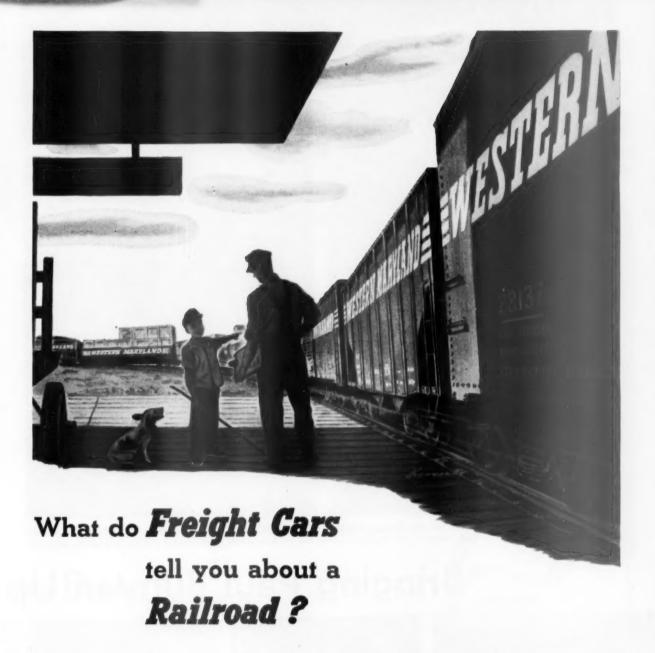
The main check on how often a composer's works are played is the daily log that each network submits to ASCAP. To this record is added the results of spot monitoring by ASCAP's branches—to reflect the hillbilly and gospel music that ordinarily doesn't show up on the network.

Payments go out each quarter. For an Irving Berlin, a Cole Porter, or a Richard Rodgers, they may amount to \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year.

• Administration—ASCAP is governed

 Administration—ASCAP is governed by a 24-man board of directors, 12 writers elected by the writer members, 12 publishers elected by the publisher members. The entire board is set up for election every two years.

The board picks the society's president, who is now Stanley Adams, a 45-year-old lawyer-song writer who wrote the words to Little Old Lady. He is the sixth of ASCAP's presidents. The others: George Maxwell, Gene Buck, Deems Taylor, Fred E. Ahlert, and Otto Harbach.



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## to Date

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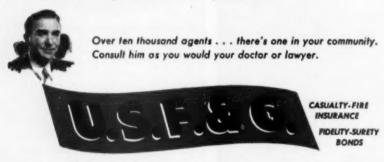


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FUN FOR THE WOMEN-and for the crowd

### Missouri Shows

Farmers and commercial lumber men from a dozen states—and at least two foreign countries—went to the Missouri Ozarks last week for a two-day demonstration of mechanized forestry in Maramec Spring Park, near St. James.

They went to see \$500,000 worth of forestry, logging, and sawmilling equipment in action in the woods—to learn the newest ways of lumbering, ways that save the forests but permit profitable lumber operations, too.

It was the first show of its kind in Missouri, the fifth to be held in the Central States (the others were in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois).

• "Sugar"—The shows are a gimmick thought up by federal and state forestry officials to "sweeten" the educational work in better forestry methods they carry on by means of pamphlets, talks in schools, and similar means. But the 5,000 visitors to the Missouri show and the 47 exhibitors from 13 states liked both the "sugar" and what went with

Exhibitors expressed themselves as highly pleased. Because the Maramec Spring Park is a tax-free charity project (it's operated by the New York Community Trust in behalf of the James Foundation), no actual sales could be made on the grounds. But many new customers were lined up, some sales were made off the premises, and one chain-saw manufacturer picked up 23 new dealers.

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-as champion McCall sisters of Bunker, Mo., show their skill on an "arm-power" saw; they were so good men wouldn't even compete

### How to Cut It

(Story starts on page 146)

• Sights—The visitors came from as far away as Oregon in the United States, and from Canada and Turkey, but most, of course, were from the Central States. Each morning and afternoon a forester led visitors into a wooded area where a group of trees had been marked for cutting. That was the first part of the lesson—showing which trees should be cut out because they were "weed-trees," were fire-damaged, or were hampering growth of other trees.

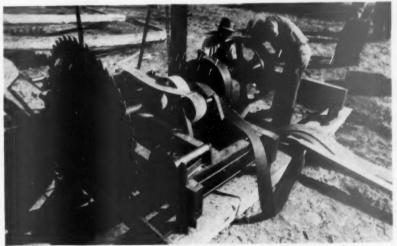
From there on each demonstration went through operation of jeeps, tractors, lifting and hauling machines, saws, and on to crop-drying machines for "kiln" drying of lumber.

Farmers learned how jeeps and tractors can provide lumber to build baras, or make some extra cash from lumber economically harvested. Both farmers and sawmill operators were impressed with a sawmobile that can be hauled around in a truck, set up in a half hour, dismantled quickly, and taken off to another spot.

• Verdict—And the foresters? One of them summed it up like this: "We got in a lot of good missionary work. It was a wonderful show." And U.S. forester, Dr. F. G. Liming, in charge of the Northern Ozark Research Center, said: "With a little sugar, we can get our messages over to thousands, instead of the few hundred who would come out to see . . . a 'demonstration of better forestry methods.'"

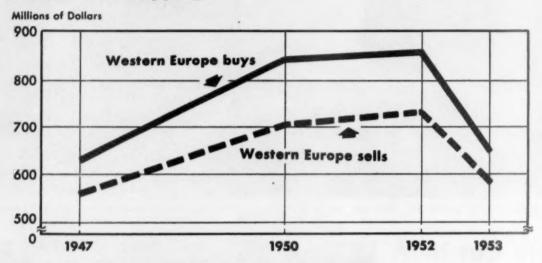


FUN FOR THE BOYS in logrolling contest-nothing political, just athletic.

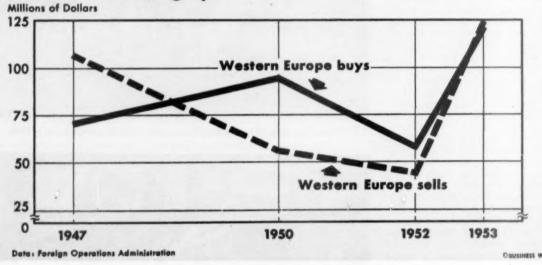


SHOW'S OVER, time to pack up-and it's been profitable for exhibitors, too; two visitors bought this sawmill and are dismantling it to take home with them.

## U. S. doesn't much mind Western Europe trading non-strategic goods with Russia and its satellites. But trade is dropping.



## U. S. Frowns on Europe's trade with China. And that's shooting up.



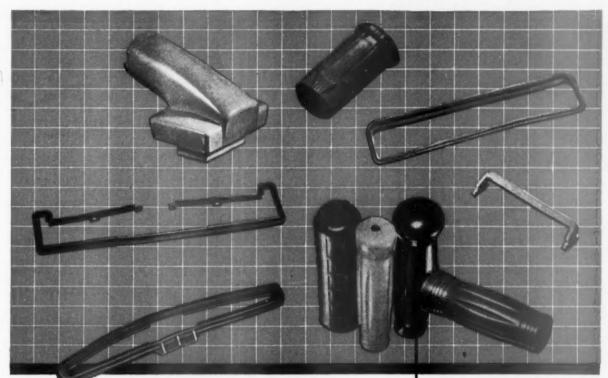
## Now-a New Policy for the U.S.

Stassen comes out for continuing controls, making them flexible—and cracking down on smugglers.

East-West trade, especially Western Europe's trade with the Communist bloc, has bedeviled the makers of U.S. foreign policy ever since the Korean

war started. Two administrations—under Harry S. Truman and Dwight Eisenhower—have been pulled in opposite directions. At home there's popular demand to shut off East-West trade; but abroad there's still pressure to let it expand

there's still pressure to let it expand. In the U.S., Sen. Joseph McCarthy has spearheaded a drive to ban all trade with Communist China and to toughen the controls on trade with the rest of the Soviet bloc. In Western Europe,



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### Minneapolis-Honeywell Picks Holland as Base For Overseas Production

Mr. H. W. Sweatt, President of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company, which has recently joined the growing list of American companies to establish manufacturing plants in the Netherlands.

Recognizing the need for a constructive approach to the increasingly important problem of maintaining export volume to non-dollar countries, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company recently decided that the solution lay in the establishing of manufacturing operations overseas.

After a study of the advantages offered American investment capital by various European countries,

Holland was selected.

"Among the considerations that prompted the choice of Holland," said Mr. H. W. Sweatt, president of Minneapolis-Honeywell, "were the availability of capable workmen; a stable and practicalminded government; fine reputation of Dutch-manufactured goods throughout the world; the familiarity of Holland with exporting."

#### Background of Government Policy

The "practical-minded" attitude of the Dutch government referred to by Mr. Sweatt is a direct and logical outgrowth of the social conditions existing in the Netherlands. Rapid population growth has created surplus labor which cannot be absorbed by agriculture or existing manufacturing industries.

For this reason, the Dutch government has embarked on a policy of attracting capital from other countries by arranging liberal facilities for the transfer of profits and retransfer of original invest-

ments, in dollars.

In addition to the friendly and cooperative attitude of the Dutch government, the labor situation in the Netherlands has been a major factor in attracting American capital. Dutch workers are particularly adept at acquiring the new skills required for a wide range of manufacturing operations, including precision work and the assembly of complicated mechanisms.

Production interruptions caused by strikes are almost unknown. In 1951, manhours lost by strikes averaged only one out of 20,000—the lowest figure in the world. Absenteeism is comparatively rare.

#### Market Potentials

The Dutch government has also maintained a consistent policy planned to facilitate the profitable **Dutch-manufactured** export of goods to other countries.

Trade agreements among the Benelux group permit export of finished goods to Belgium and Luxembourg without trade barriers. Trade with other countries is facilitated by the European Payment Union (E. P. U.). The sound monetary policy of the Netherlands is

another contributing factor. Economical transportation plays a large part in the profitable marketing of goods. The country's famous network of canals allows easy shipment of materials within Holland; large rivers handle waterborne commerce with other European countries. Excellent seaports with modern facilities simplify shipment to other parts of the world.

Roads, railroads and airlines also link the Netherlands with inland Europe and other areas.

#### Information Readily Available

To assist American industry in evaluating the industrial potentialities of the Netherlands, the Dutch government has assigned a single organization—the Nether-lands Industrial Institute—to act as the sole agency in the United States for disseminating information and to aid in planning.

A 48-page book, "Industrial Possibilities in the Netherlands," gives full information on the country's industrial background; its current facilities for supplying raw materials and the simple regulations under which American industry can build and operate plants. Interested executives may obtain this book from Mr. Joseph P. Bourdrez, Gen. Mgr., Netherlands Industrial Institute, Room 48, 1-M-C, The Biltmore, N. Y. 17, N. Y., LExington 2-5069.

business pressure on allied governments to relax controls on strategic shipments has mounted steadily in the past year, especially since the Korean armistice.

These opposing political pressures have put a real strain on the Western alliance. At the same time, they have kept the U.S. from forming a clearly defined policy on East-West trade.

· New Policy-Now the Administration has taken the bull by the horns and set forth a firm-though middle-of-theroad-policy. In a report to Congress last week Harold Stassen, Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, tried to get the issue out of the political arena and to remove interallied friction on the subject-though without giving way at all on controls over strategic shipments.

The Stassen report cut two ways:

· Stassen takes issue with the McCarthy view that all trade with the Soviet bloc is bad. The report stresses that the over-all political, economic, and military strength of the Western alliance is more important than East-West trade in nonstrategic items or even a few isolated trade deals with Communist nations in strategic goods. It recognizes that many U.S. allies depend heavily on foreign trade and can't afford to pass up markets or sources of supply anywhere. What's more it repudiates any attempt by the U.S. alone to throttle East-West trade.

· Stassen pooh-poohed the belief growing abroad that Western strategic controls are cutting allied nations off from vast, profitable Eastern markets. The real reasons for the sharp postwar drop in trade with the East, says the report, are the Kremlin's drives for absolute control of the Communist economic system and intensive industrialization of the satellites-and the ponderous inflexibility of state-con-

trolled economies.

What actually emerged from the Stassen report is a four-point policy on

East-West trade:

The U.S. will continue to seek allied backing for curbs on strategic trade with the Soviet bloc as a checkrein on its military buildup. But:

· Washington will use a more flexible vardstick in judging what trade

with the East is harmful.

• The U.S. will put more emphasis on enforcing existing controls, less on

trying to set up new ones.

• The U.S. won't discourage allied trade with Russia and Eastern Europe in nonstrategic goods. The Administration feels that on balance Western Europe gets as much from this trade as does the Soviet bloc.

• The Administration will make a distinction between Red China and the rest of the Communist camp.

U.S. officials think Mao is in desperate need of Western goods-both



### "Fired? I quit!"

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nonstrategic and strategic-to carry out his plans for industrialization. So the U. S. will continue to press for tougher curbs on trade with China until Mao proves that he has dropped his expansionist plans. But there won't be any U.S. ultimatums to Western Europe on this issue; the unity of the Western alliance will be given precedence over the issue of China trade.

· Clearing the Air-There's nothing radically new in this policy, but it's been put down in black and white for the first time. And that's already helped to clear the air between the U.S. and its allies.

Still, the tugging and hauling within the Western world over East-West trade is bound to go on. That trade is now expanding in just the area-mainland China-that the U.S. likes least. During the first five months of 1953 Western Europe's trade with Red China shot way up (charts, page 150). That was when the strategic controls were still in effect. Now there's growing pressure in Europe to scrap these controls. Some 200 British businessmen gathered in London last week to demand just this.

Meanwhile, Western Europe's trade with Russia and its satellites has been dropping. For the first five months of this year, it was well below the 1952 level. The trade deals Moscow has made in Western Europe recently may push the year's total up. Even so, this trade isn't likely to give Washington any headaches this year.

• Smugglers-Now the Administration's new emphasis on enforcing controls over East-West trade means stepping up the war against smugglers from Oslo to Hong Kong.

Stassen's report for the first time raised a corner of the curtain of secrecy that has blanketed this underground struggle. It reported cloak and dagger incidents like these:

• Weapons . . .- Last August a posse of Thai police waited in the dripping jungle dawn on the Thailand-Laos frontier. An automobile churned toward them along the mud-mired road. The posse opened fire. The four occupants of the car surrendered. In the back of the car were two bazookas, a mortar, a gun, seven grenades, two complete field transmitters and receiving sets-bound for Ho Chi Minh's Communist guerillas in Indo-China.

... And Wax-A thousand miles to the East about the same time a British navy patrol boat prowling through the Lamma channel off Hong Kong sighted two suspicious-looking vessels. One of them, a PT-type craft, made a dash for the China coast. The British opened fire, and the boat hove to. Its hold contained 317 boxes of paraffin wax, 670 boxes of tin plate, 256 bundles of hoop steel, 107 bundles of iron sheets-

which are all highly strategic materials.

Across the world in the free port of Copenhagen, a few months earlier, a cargo declared to be alloy steel was being unloaded for transshipment to Rotterdam. One case toppled to the wharf and broke open. The Danish port official immediately ordered the whole cargo confiscated. The shipment was high-grade nickel used in gun barrels and ammunition, not alloy steel, which is of much less strategic importance. Police of four nations are working on the case on suspicion that the nickel was bound behind the Iron Curtain.

· Price of Victory-And so the trade war goes on. Smugglers use one set of weapons: forged documents, bribery, razzle-dazzle shuttling of contraband cargoes from ship to ship and free port to free port. The law uses a complicated system of international import and export licensing, international agreements on endless lists of embargoed goods, international agreements on ship chartering and bunkering controls. To gain even partial victory, the West must have tight cooperation among allies and unremitting vigilance among customs men and a host of other officials.

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U. S. investments in foreign enterprises that are controlled by U.S. interests stood at \$15-billion at midvear, according to Commerce Dept. figures just released. That's \$3.2-million higher than in 1950, doesn't include any investments in foreign-controlled projects.

Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, moved into Uruguay. Last week three Armour experts headed south to conduct a technological audit. They'll study ways to expand present industries in Uruguay and introduce new ones.

Ireland and Japan moved to up their sales to the U.S. This week the Irish Export Promotion Board opened a New York office to explore the U.S. markets and advise Irish producers on how to get their share. . . . Next month Japan's Trade Promotion Council, a private but government-backed group of 40 trading firms and 10 local governments, will do the same thing in the same city.

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## Schuman Plan Steel Drops

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Steel production in Western Europe has fallen off badly since May, when the Schuman Plan nations—Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and West Germany—put into effect their common market for the metal. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe finds that production for those six countries in July (the last month for which complete figures are available) was at an annual rate of 3-million metric tons below the rate for the last six months of 1952.

The worrisome thing to the Community's High Authority is that production in Britain, Western Europe's big steel producer outside the plan, is running way ahead of last year. Second-quarter production was at the rate of 18.2-million tons a year, compared to 16.4-million-ton rate last year. And output in August was at an all-time high for the month.

Most representatives of the steel industries within the Schuman Plan admit the drop is not to be ignored, but they don't feel that there's anything basically wrong with the common market. They say it's just that buyers are holding back, hoping for a cut in prices. And they think this lag in buying will end soon: Buyers are nearing the limit of their stocks, there has been no decline in the underlying demand for steel.

### Brakes on Brazil

Brazil's new finance minister, Oswaldo Aranha, is struggling manfully to put his country's fiscal house in order. Now he has prescribed a nine-point rest cure, to restrain the wild-running, inflation-wracked Brazilian economy.

The key remedies, which may cramp the style of many a bullish Brazilian, call for a slowdown in the pace of industrialization and private building, reduced government spending, increased taxation, an attack on the high cost of living. Aranha wants especially to discourage speculation, see to it that capital is channeled into retarded areas, especially agriculture. He aims to put Brazil's external trade in balance—and that means maintaining the rigorous import curbs that have so far this year pared Brazil's U.S. buying by about 50%.

As for the troublesome backlog of commercial debts abroad, one of Bra-

zil's top monetary men said last week in New York that the dollar backlog ought to be wiped out by yearend. Jose Maciel Filho, director of Brazil's national development bank, reported that debt arrears have been reduced by 8250-million since Jan. 1. He served notice that all nonessential imports will be drastically controlled.

As for essential imports, Maciel Filho had some good news to take back to his government. He reported that a \$40-million World Bank loan, to finnance rail and power equipment purchases abroad, had just been concluded, along with a special \$18-million Export-Import Bank credit to finance tractor buying in the U.S.

There's no telling, of course, how Aranha's tough program will take hold. Certainly Americans, deeply troubled by Brazil's financial difficulties, are applauding from the sidelines. But their enthusiasm is dampened by the fear that politics will interfere.

For example, the greatest single drain on Brazilian resources is oil imports, running at well over \$200-million yearly. Yet the Chamber of Deputies in Rio de Janeiro has stubbornly refused to allow a realistic petroleum development policy. Instead, this week President Vargas signed a bill creating a rigidly nationalistic government oil monopoly that few outsiders give any chance of success (BW-Sep.26'53, p168).

### Mexican Power Deal

U.S. and other foreign utility companies have long been unsatisfied with the deal they get in Latin America. They have seen currencies depreciate, whittling down the value of their capital investments; too often, they have had trouble getting their profits out and keeping rates in line with rising costs. And, as in Guatemala today, they have at times faced the threat of expropriation.

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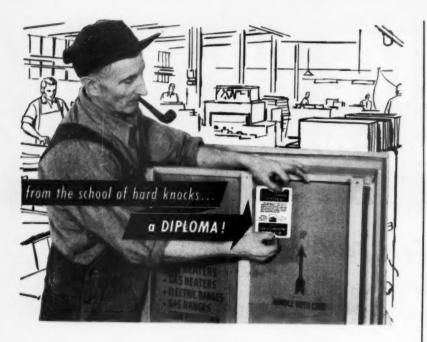
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The new agreement should go a long way toward satisfying both these motives. But one vital ingredient is missing: Most investors won't be completely sold until they are convinced that devaluation won't cut the value of their capital.



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## INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

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It's hard this week to see the forest for the trees—the air is so full of talk about the H-bomb (page 39) and about East-West negotiations.

But when it comes to international affairs you can figure that:

- The H-bomb has given new urgency to U. S. efforts to find some way of reaching a settlement with Moscow (BW—Oct.3'53,p161).
- Despite the urgency in Washington, it will be months before East and West sit down to talk things out.

Right now Washington is mainly concerned with making Moscow show its hand on Germany. This is in line with Eisenhower's view that piecemeal settlement of specific East-West conflicts must come first. Only then will it be possible to come to terms on over-all problems like disarmament.

U. S. officials are working this week with their British and French colleagues to draft a reply to Russia's last note on Germany—the one that turned down the West's invitation to a conference at Lugano this month.

And this time the U. S. may inject a new theme into the German question: a guarantee for Russia against future German aggression.

Up to now the U. S. has insisted that German talks be limited to the question of unification. But several times recently Secretary of State Dulles has referred publicly to security for the Soviets.

In fact, State has been working on a proposed German settlement that covers the guarantee problem explicitly. These are the main points:

- · Withdrawal of Russian troops from East Germany.
- · Free elections for an all-German government.
- A Western guarantee for Russia against any new German aggression or any Western attack launched from German territory. Additional assurance might be offered the Kremlin in the form of a neutralized border zone in East Germany.

Germany's eastern frontier would be left open for future negotiation. The status of the satellites also would be left open.

Washington isn't too optimistic that this new approach will induce Moscow to discuss Germany in a four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting. There's a feeling that the Kremlin won't talk until its troubles in Eastern Europe grow worse than they are now.

But the West could gain a real advantage from taking this new approach, even if the Russians continue to stall. The world would know then who was holding up an East-West settlement.

This could be especially important in the case of the European Defense Community. Once Moscow showed its hand, the French would no longer have an excuse for delaying ratification of EDC.

There's strong support across the Atlantic for a direct top-level approach to the Kremlin—the sort of thing Churchill proposed last May.

Churchill felt then that talks at the highest level might clear the air enough to make settlement of specific problems possible.

### INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK (Continued)

OCT. 10, 1953

There's a good chance Churchill will press this line again, even to the point of going alone to Moscow.

He is under heavy political pressure in Britain to grab the initiative. What's more, Paris seems to be warming up to his idea.

London this week moved fast, if belatedly, to meet a Communist threat to British Guiana (one of the three European colonies left in South America; it lies just east of Venezuela).

The Churchill government has troops on the way to Georgetown. It's ready to use these, or to suspend the constitution, if either becomes necessary.

What London fears is an attempt by the Peoples' Progressive Party "to set up a Communist-dominated state."

The fact is that the Churchill government was caught napping in Guiana.

Last spring London granted the colony a new constitution, which gave the assembly greatly increased powers. Then, unexpectedly, the Peoples' Progressive Party swept the election. It is led by Dr. Cheddi Jagan (originally from India) and his wife (who was an American Communist). This happened just as labor troubles in the sugar industry were coming to a head.

Now Jagan and his crowd want to take over the country—something American observers predicted months ago.

Whatever happens in Georgetown now, this business will have more than local repercussions. It will:

- Make Washington doubly aware of Communist aims in Latin America.
- Make London more cautious about pushing the British West Indies toward full self-government.
- Give the Labor Party in Britain a chance to attack the Conservatives for being reactionary on colonial policy.

This week, after two years in office, the Conservative Party meets at Margate to take stock of its position.

The Tories can pat themselves on the back for some real successes—removing controls and rationing; strengthening the pound; keeping business good and employment high; building more houses than the Labor government ever did.

Churchill's one real setback has come in the foreign field. So far, his proposal for Big Four talks hasn't got anywhere.

On top of that, of course, both Churchill and Anthony Eden have been on the sick list for some months now. And that's left the government without strong leadership.

Probably these things, as much as anything else, explain why the latest public opinion polls show Labor drawing ahead of the Tories.

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THE OLD MOB Since cleanup laws were passed, the old, corrupt ILA has been grouping forces to attack new rules. First battle came last week.



THE POINT OF CLASH Just as threatening to the old ILA as the new cleanup laws, which go into effect Dec. 1, is the appearance of a new AFL union that promises dockers an honest organization that will "take the racketeers off your back." New union meets old at the pier

## Is the White House Shifting Its Labor

 Hair-trigger use of Taft-Hartley injunction hits dock strike tying up East Coast shipping.

But the move is not a reversal of Eisenhower's objection to intervention. It is anti-crime, not anti-union.

The Eisenhower Administration made its first use of the Taft-Hartley law this week. It invoked the laborhated injunction process of the act to end the Atlantic Coast longshore strike, Immediate speculation developed over whether this meant a new turn in national labor policy.

On the record, bargaining between the International Longshoremen's Assn. and the New York Shipping Assn. has come to a contract expiration date without agreement. The biggest port in the world was closed by a strike that billowed up and down the coast from Portland, Me., to Hampton Roads, Va. The employers appealed to Eisenhower to use Taft-Hartley. Before the strike was 12 hours old he did.

Previously, the President had held steadfast to his campaign declarations. They were well remembered in both union and employer circles. He had maintained that one of the principal reasons why labor-management relations got snarled up was that government put in its oar too often. His prescription was to let the parties themselves have the responsibility for settling their

problems: "Keep the White House out of labor disputes." That policy had worked marvelously for Eisenhower. At least three major strikes-one in maritime, one in atomic energy, and one in jet engine manufacturing-had come to their own settlement without White House intervention. On its record, the previous administration would have been smack in the middle of all of them. Also, without strikes occurring, a new wage settlement was made in the auto industry and a whole new contract written in steel without the President having 'to concern himself in either situation. The "stay out of it" policy was paying off handsomely. Then, last month, Martin Durkin

Then, last month, Martin Durkin stalked out of the Cabinet in an argument over Taft-Hartley amendments (BW—Sep.10'53,p174). Some very natural questioning developed over what effect this might have on the President's attitude toward organized labor. Some sections of the business community feared that the Administration might be tempted to go too far toward labor in an effort to woo back its friendship. Some union leaders worried

lest it initiate a "get tough with labor" line by the White House.

Neither side got any real assurance from Eisenhower's message to the AFL convention, nor from Vice-President Nixon's speech. Both awaited further signs.

It was in this still and heavy air that the speedy use of Taft-Hartley in the longshore strike came like a thunderbolt.

Outside of Washington and New York City, the first reaction was sharp.

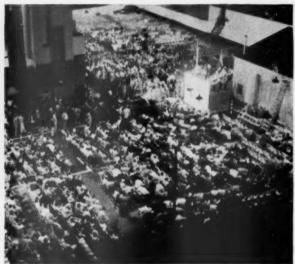
It looked like clear support for management, a slap at the unions. But that was only the surface appearance.

Behind the strike was as complicated a tangle of purpose and cross-purpose as has ever precipitated a major U.S. dispute. For all practical purposes, events that began last May made the strike inevitable—and made it less a labor dispute than a struggle for power and plunder.

For two years, up until last spring, the New York State Crime Commission, appointed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, had been assiduously digging into crime on the waterfront. Its disclosures, fed to the public in large and dramatic doses, whipped community opinion into something just about as close to indignant unanimity as New York is ever capable of. In the public mind, the International Longshoremen's Assn., union of the dockers that had been captured by racketeers, was the principal scapegoat.



entrances of the Port of New York while police try to avert violence in a bitter battle for control.



THE NEW UNION

Holding rallies near the waterfront, the new AFL union finds
its biggest handicap is that longshoremen fear to break away
from the old crowd who are known for their violent methods.

## Policy?

In May, the Crime Commission sent Dewcy its recommendations for cleaning up the waterfront jungle. The proposals were drastic and unprecedented, carrying union regulation further then anyone had ever before seriously suggested (BW-Jun.20'53,p165).

Meanwhile, shocked by the Crime Commission's findings, the American Federation of Labor-heretofore inclined to be somewhat casual about charges of racketeering in its affiliates—moved to throw the ILA out of the Federation. When Dewey held public hearings on the matter in June, AFL president George Meany came and surprised the experts. The expectation was that he would take the traditional stand that labor would clean its own house, that government should not interfere. Instead he endorsed the necessity of state action.

From that point on, things moved very fast. Special sessions of the New York and New Jersey legislatures were called and a cleanup law was passed. As a bi-state compact it went to Congress where it was approved and signed by Eisenhower. The Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor was established to administer the law, which will become effective next Dec. 1.

Then the AFL had to make a major decision. Would it simply kick out the ILA—as the CIO did the West Coast longshoremen's union on charges of Communist control—and let it go at that? Or would it go the CIO one

better and set up a new union to fight the old ILA for control of the docks? Meany, Dave Beck of the teamsters, and Paul Hall of the seafarers made the decision to fight. The ILA was not only expelled, but confronted with a rival organization (ILA-AFL) determined to take over its jurisdiction.

This beset the old ILA on a third front. It was already in negotiation with its employers whose resistance to its demands got stiffer and stiffer as it became more apparent ILA might be knocked out of the labor picture by the AFL. And it already was gathering its strength and resources for a fight against the new law that imperiled some of its leading officials and threatened its old way of doing business. To preserve itself it had to get a new contract from the employers and close the embryo AFL union out of bargaining rights. When that contract was not forthcoming it struck.

Thus the real purpose of the Taft-Hartley injunction was to take the strike weapon out of the hands of men who had come to represent not labor, but gang interests. The fact that not one sober voice of labor official-dom has been raised against Eisenhower's use of Taft-Hartley is proof positive that the action is not taken as "anti-union."

Nor does it represent a shift in White House labor policy. That may come some day. But the use of the law in the Port of New York is not designed as an exercise of executive power in the field of labor relations. It is, purely and simply, an attack on crime



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its ramifications."

This is a significant assignment, and one that could turn out to be highly controversial in months ahead. Victor's presence in Washington is sure to be resented by conservatives in CIO as a move to Reutherize the organization and keep it on a left-of-center course. With a convention coming in Cleveland in mid-November, this resentment could stir up trouble.

Moreover, some important AFL leaders dislike Victor Reuther. His emergence as an important administrative figure in CIO in Washington could very well hurt the chances of AFL-CIO

unity.

· Natural-If Walter Reuther saw these problems involved in his choice of brother Victor as one of two personal aides, he ignored them. Nothing could be more natural or logical to Walter than picking Victor as his stand-in. The two-Walter, 46 years old, and Victor, 42-have always been close. They have much in common, and are alike in many ways.

Both are highly intelligent and selfassured. They went to the same schools (both studied law at Wayne University in Detroit) and worked their way around the world together-holding jobs in 11 countries, including Russia, in

1933 and 1934.

They battled side by side against auto management in the 1930s and in rough and tumble United Auto Workers (CIO) politics. Even violence hit them similarly; Walter was seriously

wounded by a shotgun blast in 1948 and Victor lost an eye a year later when he, too, was shot by a still-unidentified assailant.

And, importantly, the brothers think alike. Some say it is because Victor does a great deal of busy Walter's

thinking.

• Two Sides-Obviously, because of all this, Walter would think quickly of Victor when he needed a capable and trustworthy aide. Too quickly, perhaps. For while Victor can be a big asset to Walter in CIO headquarters, the possibility that his role there will cause dissension within CIO makes him a liability as well.

Now in Europe, Victor will return in several weeks to share Walter's office. Anyone visiting national CIO headquarters to do business with CIO's president will be ushered in to see Victor. Frequently visitors will wind up dealing with him, as a coordinator of CIO activities and as Walter's admin-

istrative aide.

This will be an added irritant in CIO leadership circles, where many already criticize Walter's aloofness and the way he delegates to personal assistants responsibilities that should be taken over by other elected officers, particularly CIO's executive vice-president, John

• Hedge-CIO's convention in 1952 amended the organization's constitution to make the executive vice-presidency an elective job, and to provide that whoever holds it "shall assume the powers and duties of the president" in the latter's absence or incapacity. This was done ostensibly because of the confusion in CIO after the death of Philip Murray; actually it was a move to give the late Allan Havwood increased stature as executive vice-president-as a unity move in CIO and as a hedge against Reuther's ambitions and aggressiveness.

Before Havwood died early this year, he told friends that the constitutional change hadn't worked out as it was intended to. Robert Oliver, named by Walter Reuther as administrative aide, was making decisions for CIO in Reuther's name; Haywood, supposed to stand in for Reuther in his absence, was functioning as organizing director, and little

• Discontent-There were murmurs of dissension, because the idea of a personal aide for CIO's president was new. Murray hadn't had one, although on occasion Arthur Goldberg, then general counsel for CIO on a full-time basis.

acted for Murray.

Haywood died, and the dissension over the "slight" for him ebbed. The appointment of Riffe, a compromise candidate, as executive vice-president put into office a man whose interest is almost wholly in organizing work. More and more, Oliver was able to function as Walter Reuther's personal emissary in CIO affairs.

Now, the choice of Victor Reuther as a second personal aide to brother Walter has started the murmurs of discontent all over again. Unlike Oliver, Victor Reuther is not one to function quietly behind scenes, or to take an almost unrecognized secondary role. As Walter Reuther's alter ego, he could very easily become CIO's No. 2 leader-a fact that Reuther foes, and some Reuther friends as well, do not

• It Depends-Much depends on Victor. Like his brother, he is a man with firm opinions who doesn't hesitate to

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express them. If he gets deeply involved in CIO committee work-political action, housing, legislative, etc.-or tries to dictate to CIO's staff (the suspicion in Washington headquarters is that he will) then dissension will be quick and certain.

Another phase of the job assigned to Victor also could open a Pandora's box of troubles for Walter; the new aide is supposed to handle the selection of CIO people to sit on committees, to represent CIO on some important groups, and to represent Walter in relations with the Administration in Washington.

Working adroitly, Victor might avoid all pitfalls, be of great value not only to Walter but also to the whole of CIO. But because he is a controversial figure, as Walter's brother, this adroitness will be doubly hard to achieve.

Before going on CIO's staff two years ago as the organization's European representative, Victor worked for UAW. In the postwar period he was director of education. In the factional auto union, where Walter was and is more firmly entrenched than in CIO. Victor did a good job, but made enemies. The outlook now is for much the same sort of future for him.

### How Solid Is Your Contract?

CIO and many employers urge NLRB to reverse its policy of often permitting craft unions to break loose from plantwide or industrywide bargaining.

How good are an employer's plantwide contracts? The answer may hinge on the important craft-severance hearings before the National Labor Relations Board in Washington this week.

The question is complex and controversial: How far should NLRB go in allowing craft unions to carve out separate jurisdictions in plants where workers are already organized on a plantwide or industrial basis?

This is an old issue-one that has long been a major cause of friction in the labor movement (BW-Sép.26'53, p178). It could cause a lot more, and might even jeopardize relations be-tween AFL and CIO at a critical time, when a no-raiding agreement is in the

· What T-H Says-The Taft-Hartley act provides that NLRB must not "decide that any craft unit is inappropriate . on the grounds that a different unit has been established by a prior board determination." Interpreted strictly, this would bar NLRB from refusing to certify a craft unit desired by craft workers in any plant that is already unionized on a broad, industrial basis.

The board has never followed this provision to the letter. It has consistently held that craft units should not be recognized in these circum-

· Where an industry is so closely integrated that craft work is a close part of the production operation, so that a separation would be impractical -in basic steel, for instance:

· If the craftsmen involved are not actually doing craft work.

· If they do craft work on an assembly line, as in an auto plant.

Otherwise, the board policy under T-H has been to recognize and certify

craft bargaining units-on demandwherever they are.

AFL has succeeded in making inroads in many CIO-organized plants because of this policy. Many long-established employer-industrial union relationships have been upset. In one instance, an employer who had been dealing with one union for 16 years almost overnight had to begin dealing with nine.

• Too Many?-Early this year, Ivar Peterson, a board member, dissented on an NLRB decision that broke up such an established relationship. complained that the board had been "granting severance too readily," and urges the board to review its old "practicality" policy.

Guy Farmer, NLRB's new chairman, took up the fight. He announced that the policy on craft units would be reexamined, along with other key policies of the Truman-appointed NLRB (BW -Sep.5'53,p173)

Both unions and management reacted quickly. AFL, anxious to have NLRB's existing policy upheld-if not further relaxed-called on the board to follow more closely the craft-severance policies provided for in the Taft-Hartley act. CIO, just as anxious to get tighter curbs on craft unions, complained that the board's present policy of "fragmentation . . . destroys the mass bargaining power of workers and replaces stable labor relations with chaos.'

A few employers interested in bargaining separately with highly skilled workers urged NLRB to relax curbs on craft units in integrated industries. But this was a minority position. Most letters to the board, for submission to the hearing, took the same position as CIO.



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### New Pay Climb

Business may dip in 1954, but unions will still go after higher wages, while demanding layoff cushion, too.

Business may dip in 1954—but unless a general decline reverses the climb of the cost of living—the result will be harder union bargaining, not easier.

harder union bargaining, not easier.

• A ninth round of wage increases will be sought—and vigorously—to "catch up" with higher living costs and to compensate workers for greater productivity.

 At the same time, unions will go after contract provisions, such as wage or work guarantees, to cushion the possible impact of a recession on

If there had been any doubt about this outlook, developments of the past two weeks cleared it away.

• Advance Planning—Unions are already getting set for 1954, even though this year's contract bargaining is still far from over.

AFL's annual convention in St. Louis two weeks ago noted that "the economic climate for the negotiation of wage increases will stiffen." AFL advised affiliated unions with 10.3-million members to "be thoroughly prepared for future wage negotiations . . . to maintain the pace of economic expansion and advance in the standard of living."

In other words, AFL told its affiliates: Get set now to negotiate new pay increases in 1954, despite the times.

Then the United Steelworkers (CIO) called its wage-policy committee to a meeting in New York on Oct. 21, to begin planning for 1954 contract talks. Since major agreements in basic steel do not run out until June 30, 1954, the

late-October meeting is a clear indication of the importance of 1954 bargaining in USW's planning.

At one union convention after another—the latest, that of the International Union of Electrical Workers (CIO) in Montreal last week—officers told delegates that wage boosts will continue to be needed and justified in the coming year.

This early talk of coming wage demands must be taken seriously. It is more than just a routine expression of union hopes for higher pay in 1954.

• Up the Escalator—General Motorstype "escalator" contracts are a big reason for coming new wage demands—regardless. These agreements, which now cover about one of every five plant workers, boost pay automatically year to year through annual-improvement-factor increases (usually 4¢ or 5¢) in addition to keeping wages in line with living costs.

Obviously, what some unionists get automatically through their "escalator" pacts, others will go after in contract bargaining. So no matter what happens to the now-rising c-of-l in the months ahead, this is certain: "Escalator" productivity raises will set off union demands for similar increases of about 5¢ an hour for workers who do not get them automatically.

If the c-of-l continues climbing, union demands will rise correspondingly; any drop, unless it is a big one, will hardly cut the 5¢ demand figure.

• Security—So whether business gencrally is good, bad, or indifferent in 1954, wage demands will be as automatic as the movement of the "escalator" in long-term contracts. However, unions will take notice of business conditions in other contract demands.

Economic worries in 1954 will mean a cropping up of "security" demands by unions concerned over layoffs.

Wage guarantees will be sought by the United Steelworkers in 1954. The union had the guaranteed annual wage as a secondary objective in the past, but always shelved it in bargaining for higher pay. Next year it may become USW's top demand, because of job worries and the rivalry between USW and United Auto Workers (CIO) on the annual-wage issue.

Severance pay demands can be expected, and may be tomorrow's "hot" bargaining issue in aircraft and electri-

cal manufacturing.

A 35-hour week demand is coming up, too, in many industries where layoffs are occurring or threatening. The demand is already on bargaining tables in apparels, and nonferrous metals. A lot of talk about shortening the work week was heard in past years, but even unions minimized its importance while full employment made it impractical. Now, unions are serious about it.

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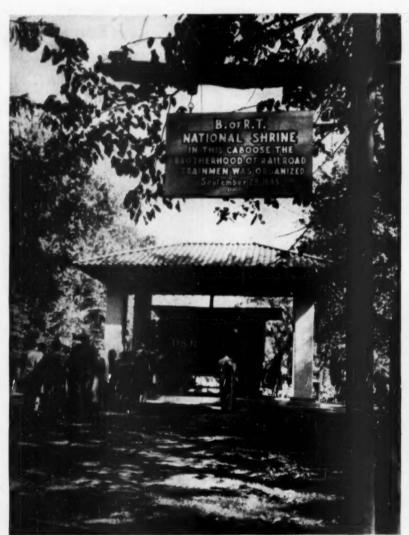


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## Trainmen: When They Fight,



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### the U.S. Is Involved

(This is the eighth in a series of appraisals of major American unions.)

The biggest wage push of the year got under way last week. With contracts expired, over a million railroad employees launched a drive for some of the heftiest wage increases yet demanded. The operating brotherhoods—those representing employees actually engaged in engine and train service work—were quick to announce their aims: Up to 40¢ an hour in wage increases plus fringe benefits including longer vacations and more holidays (BW—Sep.26'53,p176).

Biggest of the operating unions, the 215,000-member Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, is pressing for a 37½ raise. And W. P. Kennedy, the trainmen's chief, says he expects to reach settlement without any hitches. But his optimism flies in the face of precedent. The last railroad contract battle dragged on literally for years, until May, 1952. The public, with a sharp memory for long drawnout railroad disputes, is more skeptical.

#### I. Union Roots

The upcoming wage round will write the latest chapter in a rocky history. Time was when railroad workers were the aristocrats of the labor movement. They were the first to get federal laws protecting their bargaining rights and providing for settlement of their disputes with employers. The U. S. government, anxious for peace in a strategic industry, was then a highly solicitous parent to these often-problem children. While other labor unions were left to fight their own battles, railroad employees had Uncle Sam's eye upon them, and in a sense his arm around them. Regardless of how the deci-

sions went, the railroad workers were getting what almost all other workers lacked—a realistic acknowledgment of their key role in American industry.

But this recognition didn't come casy, and it didn't last long enough, as far as the railroad workers are concerned. The Wagner act, passed in 1935, gave other labor organizations an edge, which even Taft-Hartley didn't cancel. Railroad workers, exempted from both Wagner and Taft-Hartley, are governed by the Railway Labor Act, which effectively restricts any direct strike action on their part. Their early gains have, in a sense, become ashes in their mouths.

• Iron Horse Days—With all their late-found frustrations, though, the railroad workers have come a long way since days of the "iron horses." At that time the railroad industry was no place for the faint of heart. Trains ran both ways on the same track (and when they met, took turns backing to the nearest siding), and signals from engineer to conductor were a frantic combination of flags, bells and armwaves on top of the cars in any kind of weather.

Wages were then about a dollar a day, but wages weren't the rail men's big problem. In the rough-and-tumble early days, the thing the railroad worker needed most was life insurance. And it was the thing he was least likely to get. No commercial insurance company would touch him with a 10-ft.

The insecurity and hardship that resulted finally led a small band of railroad brakemen to meet in a little red caboose of the Delaware & Hudson RR in Onconta, N. Y., in 1883, to work out a plan for helping each other in case of injury or death. They were aiming at a sort of fraternal insur-

ance lodge, but before they knew it the idea caught fire.

• Birthday—Last month, 70 years later, the same red caboose (now permanently enshrined at Oneonta) was the scene of ceremonies celebrating the birthday of the now powerful and wealthy Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The new BRT first concentrated on setting up an insurance program—one that since 1883 has paid out hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits. Then, inevitably, the BRT came of age as a full-fledged labor organization actively pursuing its members' interests on a variety of fronts.

### II. Laws and Contracts

Once it had the insurance problem under its belt, the brotherhood turned its energies to legislation. As early as 1889, the union was lustily campaigning for railroad safety laws.

The BRT also sponsored the Employers Liability Act, which fixed responsibility of the railroads for accidents injuring employees. They pushed laws dealing with standardization of railroad equipment, numbers of employees on trains, and hours of service.

Legislation is still a big thing with the brotherhood. Its most strenuous efforts, and probably its most significant results, have been in the area of state legislation. Brotherhood lobbyists in state capitols have been largely responsible for laws limiting the length of trains, for example. Urged as a safety measure, shorter trains also mean use of more engines and in the end, more railroad employees.

• Legal Framework—Congress, in its anxiety to maintain peace in the railroad industry, has also put through a prodigious amount of legislation regulating relations between the carriers and their employees. The Railway Labor Act is the most far-reaching. Along with establishing the right of employees to organize, it sets up a procedure for settling disputes. It creates a National Adjustment Board to settle contract interpretation differences and a National Mediation Board to decide representation disputes, mediate contract changes, and interpret contracts reached through mediation.

A Railroad Retirement Act provides old age and disability annuities, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act of 1947 provides for sickness, injury and unemployment benefits.

• Grievance Problem—The business of representing employees in grievance matters and in negotiations with employers, the major work of most unions, was more or less an afterthought with BRT. In fact, nobody knows how it all got started. Records show that a "grievance committee" was established at the brotherhood's first convention,



but it's generally believed that the word grievance didn't refer to employeremployee issues, but rather to differences between the members themselves.

At any rate, in 1888 BRT set up a grievance committee system throughout the brotherhood and established rules for adjusting disputes between the union and the railroads.

Progress was painful at first. Committeemen were fired from jobs when they tried to serve in their grievance capacity, and the union claims that membership alone was enough to carry a threat of discharge on some lines. • Feeling Its Strength-In 1916, the trainmen joined with other railroad brotherhoods in a sweeping action against all the railroads in the country to have the official work day reduced from 10 to eight hours. The railroads contended that the object was merely to use eight hours rather than the existing period of 10 hours as the basis for computing overtime wages. Since the railroads have a dual system of pay based on both mileage and a standard day, they claimed the effect would be simply to raise the rate of pay for the same work.

The result was a stalemate. The unions then announced they would call a nationwide railroad strike for Labor Day of 1916. The threat was effective. To prevent a strike at a moment of international crisis, President Wilson asked Congress to pass the Adamson act, which provided the so-called eighthour day for the railroad industry.

After that success, joint actions against the railroads got to be common. They had actually started out as an answer to a management argument. Individual railroads claimed they couldn't afford to raise wages or establish a more favorable basis of pay because they had to meet the competition of other roads not subject to the increase. By asking all competing railroads for the same increases at the same time, the brotherhoods hoped to silence that complaint. But to protect themselves against this concerted action, the railroads combined, too, and formed regional associations to negotiate with the unions. Today, any problem that extends beyond the property of a single railroad is handled regionally by the carriers.

#### III. The U.S. Moves In

The elaborate rules and procedures that govern relations between the railroads and the brotherhoods today were hammered out in long years of strife. There have been four big nationwide strikes in the railroad history of the United States: 1877, 1894, 1922, and 1946. Federal troops were called out in the first two, and sweeping injunctions were issued in the strikes of 1894 and 1922.

• Last Round—In the 1946 dispute the government seized control of the rail-roads but couldn't prevent the trainmen and other railroad workers from walking off the job six days later. President Truman, in a dramatic message to Congress, asked for power to draft the railroad workers. The move embittered the trainmen's chief, A. F. Whitney, and alienated the railroad brotherhoods.

In a strange political turnabout, Sen. Robert A. Taft rose to labor's defense by calling Truman's proposed measure unconstitutional. The Senate blocked the worker draft after the House had

passed it.

President Roosevelt had been faced with a somewhat similar situation in 1941 when the operating brotherhoods issued a notice of intention to go on strike Dec. 7. The notice came after the unions had rejected a recommendation of an emergency board appointed by the President under the Railway Labor Act. Instead of approving the action of his board in these circumstances, Roosevelt ordered the board reconvened and authorized it to hear further arguments or else to act as a mediatory body in helping the parties reach a compromise. No new arguments were presented, but a settlement was finally reached through mediation and a strike was averted.

Another dispute started in 1949, when the brotherhood asked for a 40-hour week at wages then paid for a 48-hour week. The nonoperating brotherhoods (those representing shopmen, clerks, telegraphers, and so on) had already got this type of wage boost. A fact-finding board was appointed but failed to come up with a satisfactory solution. In the course of the dispute, during 1950, the trainmen were cited for contempt and the roads seized by

the Army.

A fact-finding board in December, 1950, proposed a 40-hour week with an 18¢-an-hour increase but the brotherhood turned it down. While the federal government had control of the railroads, however, the workers got raises ranging from 2½¢ to 5¢ an hour, retroactive to Oct. 1, 1950. In 1951 the trainmen split the ranks of the railroad brotherhoods by making a separate wage-rules settlement with the carriers.

• New Challenge—It was during this long dispute, in the summer of 1949, that A. F. Whitney, the trainmen's president since 1928, died. He had guided the brotherhood through some of its most difficult years and lived to see it expand to an organization representing workers on some 270,000 of the 282,000 miles of railroad in the U.S., Canada, and Newfoundland. Today it owns and occupies a 10-story building in Cleveland, Ohio. From this head-quarters, BRT keeps touch with its

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Now solid as it is, the brotherhood has a lot at stake in its next wage push. Current negotiations will be the first under a Republican administration in two decades, and for the first time in years the White House will be against -rather than for-quick intervention in labor disputes. In recent years, both parties in rail contract bargaining have complained that there should be more direct collective bargaining and less reliance on the government. Yet with the White House standing by, ready to move in, they haven't done the serious negotiating necessary to wrap up contracts without outside decisions.

This time, it's a sure bet that carriers and unions will have ample opportunity for direct bargaining—if they sincerely want to do it.

### LABOR BRIEFS

Coal showdown may be off until early 1954. John L. Lewis has not yet served a 60-day strike notice and is now hardly likely to force a bargaining crisis that would strain miners financially during the Christmas holidays, or that would come before cold weather has cut into high coal reserves.

"Packing" of NLRB to influence its interpretation of national labor law is being charged again—but there's a difference. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) charges Eisenhower is putting in a board majority antagonistic toward unions. Last time, Republicans accused the Democrats of "packing" the board with prolabor members.



### Pinning Up Labor Relations Tips

Personnel and labor-relations executives on hand for the American Management Assn.'s national personnel conference in New York last week found an eyeful of exhibits. Lance, Inc., Weirton Steel Co., New York Telephone Co., and General Motors Corp. set up regular county fair-sized displays to show fellow AMA members how they cope with critical employee problems.

Weirton Steel's exhibit made a particular impression on viewers. In brightly colored flannel-board visuals, it told the story of the company's "HOLCO" (How Our Labor Contract Operates) program. A Weirton representative explained how the company conducted

900 meetings between January and June of this year to educate foremen and union stewards on terms of the labor

Result: The bulk of grievances that used to reach top labor and management levels now rarely gets past the initial grievance procedure stages. A mutual knowledge of the contract did the trick, according to Weirton, and the company's grievance costs have been drastically cut. Tests given before and after HOLCO showed a striking 50% improvement in "contract wisdom" among front-line union and management "sergeants" who administer the agreement on a day-to-day basis,



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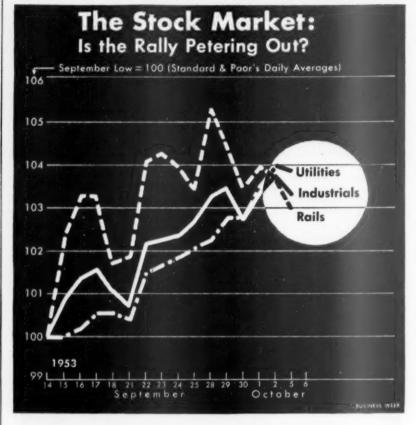
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## THE MARKETS



## Bulls Can't Say Much

Dodger fans weren't the only group on the mourners' bench this week. A growing throng of stock market bulls were telling the Brooklynites to shove over.

The bulls, too, were getting the idea that they had bet on the wrong side. More and more signs appeared during the week to indicate that the market rally, which started so jauntily a few weeks ago, was headed for the dust bin.

 Warnings—It wasn't that the bulls hacn't been warned. Most of the bears, reinforced by a goodly batch of middleof-the-roaders, had been shouting all along that nothing was going on but a technical rally. And the type of market action since the excitement started (chart above) made the point even sharper.

Trading volume has been low right along. Most of the buyers who did show up headed largely for the "good" industrial shares, or the "depression-proof" utilities. There has been little demand for the more speculative, cyclical issues since the middle of September. In other words the existing condi-

tions were not the sort to incubate a really sizable rally.

• Small Moves—Of course, some groups of stocks have performed way above the averages. But the vast majority of Big Board issues have registered only minor gains—or losses.

The compilation on the opposite page shows performances during the "rally." You can see from it that the aircraft manufacturing shares showed an exceedingly strong tone. Other groups that did well were quite diversified: metal containers, electrical equipment, finance companies, machine tools, and most shares of utility operating companies.

• Selectivity—Basically, the Big Board now has one quality in common with its "Korea market" performance: It has functioned as a market in stocks rather than a stock market. That is, selectivity has been the general rule, in both buying and selling.

As a result, neither the group averages nor the general averages can give an exact picture of how any given investment portfolio is doing, at any given

moment. Diversity of price action has been as marked inside the stock groups as it has between groups.

Take the chemicals. Dow common is currently selling about 24% below its high. But Union Carbide & Carbon has fallen off only 16%, and du Pont's drop is a modest 12%. Among the automobile commons, General Motors is down 24%, compared with Chrysler's 34%, while Hudson, Studebaker, and Packard have dropped from 41% to 50%.

Among the rails—the worst actor of all as a group—you still find some performances that top those of individuals in much better behaved groups. Although Atlantic Coast Line shows a loss of 30%, Union Pacific common is now off only 13.6%, not much more than du Pont, best individual in the much-better-acting chemical group.

More often than not this varying price vulnerability is due to basic differences in the risk involved for investors

in different companies.

### The Current Rally: Thus Far Both Minor and Spotty

6. 10		Range	(Start	Subsequent	Recent Level	Rally (	Gains Nou
Stock Group	High	Low	of Rally	High			
Agricultural machinery	162.3	124.6	124.6	127.9	127.9	2.6%	2.6
Aircraft manufacturing	229.7	191.7	194.2	206,8	206.8	6.5	6.
Air transport	361.3	274.1	275.9	277.7	277.7	0.7	0.1
Muminum	381.4	326.3	353.5	349.8	342.6	-1.0	-3.
Automobiles	263.1	202.4	202.4	205.9	205.9	1.7	1.
uto parts and accessories	181.0	143.0	143.0	146.0	146.0	2.1	2.1
luto trucks	127.3	104.7	104.7	106.5	106.5	1.7	1.7
Bituminous coal	494.0	354.7	354.7	356.6	355.5	0.5	0.2
Building materials,	172.7	151.2	151.2	152.7	152.7	1.0	1.0
Carpets and rugs	137.7	101.1	102.5	102.8	102.8	0.3	0
hemicals	263.1	236.5	240.8	246.0	246.0	2.2	2.3
Confectionery	128.2	120.9	122.5	124.9	123.5	2.0	0.1
Containers—glass	131.8	116.4	117.0	120.0	120.0	2.6	2.4
ontainers-metal	115.7	104.3	107.2	112.4	112.4	4.9	4.5
opper	192.1	137.2	137.2	140.1	139.8	2.1	1.5
Department stores	267.4	251.8	251.5	252.0	251.7	0.2	0.1
Distillers	401.9	356.1	356.6	357.1	*356.1	0.1	-0.
Drugs-ethical	204.9	161.7	161.7	168.5	166.5	4.2	3.0
Drugs-proprietary, cosmetics	146.1	135.1	141.8	143.6	143.6	1.3	1.
Electrical equipment	186.2	171.0	171.2	179.8	179.8	5.0	5.
Pertilizers	478.3	384 3	384.3	391.5	391.5	1.9	1.
inance companies	166.4	138.4	138.4	148.2	148.2	7.1	7.
é, 10é, \$1 chains	128.8	119.0	119.1	119.7	119.7	0 5	0.
ood companies	165.5	156.0	157.0	158.8	158.8	1.1	1.
ood chains	291.6	269.1	280.8	285.4	285.4	1.6	1.
old mining (U. S.)	65.7	55.1	55.3	56.5	*55.1	2.2	-0.
ead and zinc	116.3	85.4	87.1	86.7	*85.4	-0.5	-2.
eather	192.8	158.6	158.6	160.6	*158.6	1.3	
fachine tools	224.6	178.6	184.8	196.9	196.9	6.5	6.
[achinery	185.3	154.3	154.3	157.3	157.3	1.9	1.
fail order, general chains	258.8	238.4	239.7	238.5	238.5	-0.5	-0.
Ietal fabricating	193.5	165.5	165.5	169.3	169.3	2.3	2.
Aining and smelting	137.7	105.9	105.9	107.4	106.5	1.4	0.
Iotion pictures	163.5	136.7	139.5	138.0	138.0	-1.1	-1.
atural gas	245.7	214.3	218.4	227.4	227.4	4.1	4.
Office, business equipment	272.7	237.8	240.9	243.4	243.4	1.0	1.
oil—crude producers	716.1	588.4	590.6	592.4	*588.4	0.3	-0.
il—integrated companies	300.2	261.8	261.8	264.0	264.0	0.8	0.
aper	646.0	562.1	584.9	591.9	591.9	1.2	1.
rinting and publishing	130.4	104.1	104.1	108.3	108.3	4.0	4.
ailroads	185.8	153.7	153.7	155.1	153.9	0.9	0.
ailroad equipment	110.3	91.5	92.0	91.8	91.8	-0.2	-0.
ayon and acetate yarn	480.3	296.1	315.6	308.0	*296.1	-2.4	-6.
hipbuilding	286.1	227.6	227.6	233.2	232.9	2.5	2.
hipping	602.7	490.0	490.0	502.8	502.8	2.6	2.
hoes	126.3	120.5	120.5	121.4	121.4	0.7	0.
oft drinks	116.0	100.0	100.0	101.2	101.2	1.2	1.
teel	215.5	174.8	174.8	177.8	177.8	1.7	1.
ugar	105.3	84.1	84.6	84.5	*84.1	-0.1	-0
extile weavers	267.6	212.1	214.5	216.1	e212.1	0.7	-1.
ires and rubber goods	540.6	420.4	420.4	436.2	436.2	3.7	3.
obacco	97.8	84.7	92.6	94.6	94.6	2.2	2.
V, electronics	330.7	260.5	260.5	270.7	269.6	3.9	3.
tilities-holding companies	140.0	126.5	211.9	215.8	215.8	1.8	1.
tilities-operating companies	140.0	126.5	131.6	135.0	135.0	2.6	2.
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### Who Owns When?

LOS ANGELES-In its dealings with aircraft manufacturers, the U.S. government normally does not wait until planes are finished and delivered before paying the company. Instead, it makes several "progress payments" while the aircraft are being built.

Now this question has arisen: When payment is made in installments that way, when does title pass? The Southern California airframe manufacturers insist that full title passes as soon as the first payment is made. And for years local tax assessors agreed with thatofficially, at least.

This year the assessors in both Los Angeles and San Diego Counties have suddenly kicked over the traces. They are levying personal property taxes against the airframe builders on all work in process except the portion actually paid for by the progress payments. They deny the companies' argument that they're taxing U.S. government property; they say they're only taxing the remaining vested interest of the manufacturers in the property. If a plane has been, say, 80% paid for, the assessors insist they have the right to tax the remaining 20% to the company.

The amount of tax involved is estimated at about \$12-million a year in Los Angeles County; about half that in San Diego County. The companies

have paid the first installment under protest and plan to file suit to kill the assessment and to recover the amounts already paid.

### Shrinking Distance

NASHVILLE-In Nashville, as in most other cities, one of the major gripes of airline passengers has been the time needed to travel on the ground between the city and the airport. Now Nashville city planners are getting ready to do something about it. They can't move the airport closer to town. So they're going to move the airport's passenger terminal closer to town instead.

At present the terminal is at the far side of the airport away from the city. The airport taxis have to go half way around the field on a secondary road before they hit the main highway. The new building will be at the corner of the airport closest to town, which will cut the distance from the present 81 mi. to 6½ mi., and an estimated 15 minutes from the present 40-minute driving

### Sewer Blast Aftermath

CLEVELAND-It appears that Cleveland still hasn't heard the last of the sewer explosion on West 117th Street that killed one person and injured 62 (BW-Sep.19'53,p29). Right





### Wall Street Area to Get New Skyscraper

New York's Wall Street district, probably the most heavily built-up piece of acreage in the world, is about to get its first major new building in 25 years. The 69-year-old New York Produce Exchange Building (left)

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The combination was too much. Last week a section of Coutant Avenue 300 ft. long by 3 ft. wide collapsed, but no one was hurt. Engineers are now afraid that damage may have spread even beyond Coutant Avenue, and the next two streets to the west have been blocked to all traffic as a precautionary measure.

### On the Right Track

SYRACUSE—A couple of years ago, Syracuse was torn by controversy over whether a harness-racing track should be permitted to operate at Collamer, just 8 mi. northeast of the city. The loudest protests came from Syracuse businessmen; they argued that the track would drain money away from the city, and thus would have a serious depressing effect on business.

They raised so much fuss that the promoters of the track changed their plans, and built, instead, near Vernon, some 34 mi. due east on the road to Utica. Last week the new trotting track finished its first season, and the results appear to indicate that the Syracuse businessmen were wrong. Vernon merchants report substantially higher sales, bank deposits zoomed, so did postal receipts. Construction has boomed.

Many Syracuse businessmen still think they were right. Syracuse's population in 1950 was 220,583, they point out, while Vernon's was exactly 754. A new enterprise that means a lot of new business for such a small town, they say, could still have been bad medicine for a big city.

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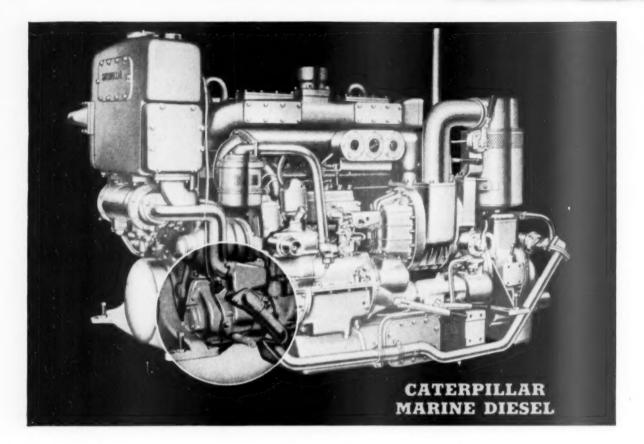
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# PERSONAL BUSINESS

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For your personal tax advantage, consider the merits of establishing your legal residence in another state. The state next door—or even one 1,000 mi. away—might be the one to brighten your over-all tax picture.

The reason is that the growing need for revenue has not only boosted state taxes; it has also made tax laws more complex.

Greatest impact comes from three main kinds of state taxation:
(1) estate taxes; (2) inheritance taxes; and (3) personal income taxes.

Only Nevada has none of the three. All the other states and the District of Columbia impose either an estate or an inheritance tax, or a combination of both. Twelve of these also impose a gift tax, ranging from 1% to 15%.

In some states that impose both inheritance and estate taxes, the taxpayer does get a break. That's because the federal government gives part of the money it collects in estate taxes to the state. This means, in effect, that the taxpayer's estate pays only the amount of federal tax.

Other states that impose both don't have this feature. Rhode Island, for example, uses a separate schedule of rates to figure estate taxes—and has an inheritance tax in addition. Still other states, like New York, have just an estate tax, but it is separate from the federal tax.

Best tax states estate-wise are those where there is only a single estate tax—the one divided between the state and the federal government. Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi use this method.

But it's equally important to consider personal income taxes. At the moment, 31 states and the District of Columbia impose such taxes, generally patterned after the federal system but at lower rates.

Note that a few states—such as Maryland and Massachusetts—tax investment income at a higher rate than earned income. Other states, like Tennessee and New Hampshire, tax only investment income.

The 17 states that have no personal income tax are: Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming. (Note that if you work in a state that has such a tax, you will have to pay it—even if you live in a nontax state.)

Of the 31 states that do impose such taxes, 20 allow the deduction of federal income taxes in computing net income for state tax purposes. You can't take thus deduction in California, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.

Clearly, the two best states to live in from an over-all tax standpoint are Nevada (which has none of the three types of taxes) and Florida (which has no income tax and has an estate tax only for the estate tax credit).

No matter where you live, watch out for this pitfall: Two or more states might claim that you lived in them at the time of your death. That can mean double estate or inheritance taxation. You can best avoid such a situation by getting sound legal advice.

You'll need such advice, too, in choosing any state other than Nevada

# PERSONAL BUSINESS (Continued)

BUSINESS WEEK OCT. 10, 1953 or Florida for your residence. Only an expert analysis of your particular financial situation will show whether or not you will benefit, tax-wise, by establishing residence in a certain state.

Note this final point: Eight cities are now imposing personal income taxes. Rates range from a low of one-half of 1% to a high of 1¼%. The cities are Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Philadelphia (1¼%), Scranton, Pa.; and St. Louis.

(How to become a legal resident of a certain area will be a Personal Business subject in the near future.)

Some car owners should benefit immediately from the general lowering of automobile liability rates—even if they have already renewed their insurance. Others may not be affected by the change for nearly a year.

It depends on two things: (1) when the rules go into effect in your state; and (2) when your insurance came up for renewal.

The rating bureaus that make the changes have arbitrarily set the 20th of the effective month as a dividing line. Thus, say the new rates and rules went into effect in your state on Sept. 21. If your policy became effective between Aug. 1 and that date, it could be rewritten at the lower rate from the date of its inception.

You get more of a break if the rules went into effect on Sept. 19. In this case, policies written back as far as July 1 can be rewritten on the basis of the new rules—and you benefit accordingly.

Note, however, that not all rates will be lowered; some will actually increase. (Massachusetts companies, for example, want a 20% boost because of a high accident rate.)

But in such cases you would not have to accept these higher rates until your policy comes up for renewal next year.

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The details of APL's program are a closely guarded secret. But this much, at least, is no secret at all: The program will mean more expansion—perhaps \$60-million worth—for a company once so badly bruised financially that it could scarcely afford to buy a row-hoat.

To people who knew APL in its dark hour of near-bankruptey, the company's present success is a surprise in itself. Even more surprising, perhaps, is the nature of the two men responsible for much of that success. Neither politician George L. Killion nor oil man Ralph L. Davies (cover) had had any experience in running a steamship company before he boarded APL.

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built APL to its present stature is a story of modern business management.

But the seeds of it all (BW-Oct.7 '50,p42) were sown back in 1938, when Davies was working for an oil company and Killion for a supermarket chain. In that prewar year, APL (then known as the Dollar Line) was some \$7.5-million in debt to the Maritime Commission. To liquidate the debt, R. Stanley Dollar—son and heir of the company's founder—turned over all his family's common stock to the commission. This amounted to 92% of all common outstanding.

It was potentially an explosive situation, but for a long while it lay quiet. The Maritime Commission operated the line just like any other steamship company. Its name was changed to American President Lines. A succession of government-appointed officers saw it through the war, during which it made money hand over fist. By 1945, it was out of the red.

That's when the explosion finally came. The Maritime Commission decided to sell its 92% stock interest, and Stanley Dollar sued. His contention: The stock belonged to him. He hadn't surrendered it in payment of his company's debt, he said; he had merely posted it as collateral until the debt should be paid. The war years, he pointed out, had wiped the debt out completely.

New Man—The Maritime Commission did not agree. Dollar, it said, had surrendered all rights to his stock.

The case raged through the courts for seven years without settlement. During that time, the government continued to operate the company and appoint its presidents. When a vacancy occurred in 1947, President Truman gave the job to the treasurer of the Democratic National Committee. This was a one-time public relations man who had drifted into politics: George Killion.

Killion was a political appointee. But five years after he had moved into the APL post, he was instrumental in taking the company out of the government's hands.

• Compromise—At the heart of the switch was a 50-50 compromise between Dollar and the U.S. The way this compromise was worked out has always been a mystery. Here's what happened:

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of America. Giannini told Killion that, as a citizen, taxpayer, and San Francisco businessman interested in shipping affairs, he was unhappy about the long-drawn-out court battle involving Killion's company. It was common talk around town, Giannini said—and Killion admitted it—that APL was suffering from the uncertainty of its future. The morale of its staff was low. Potential big freight customers were shying away Giannini figured something should be done about it, fast—and speed was obviously not to be had from the courts.

The upshot of this talk was another one, between Killion and Stanley Dollar in Giannini's home. This, in turn, led to a third meeting in Washington –between Dollar and then-Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, in whose name the government was waging its fight. Killion introduced the two men, then bowed out and left them to talk

in private.

The end result was a compromise. Neither Sawyer nor Dollar was completely satisfied with it, but both knew the only alternative was more years of litigation. The terms: APL's disputed stock would be put up for public bid, and the proceeds would be divided equally between Dollar and the U.S. government.

• Enter Davies—Bids were opened Oct. 28 last year, in Washington. The eventual purchaser, with a bid of a little under \$18.4-million, was a syndicate named APL Associates, Inc.

This group had been put together by Ralph Davies. He and Killion had worked together in Washington during the war (Davies had been Petroleum Administrator for War. Killion his assistant), and had got to know each other well. Both had been interested in APL for a long time before Killion was appointed its president. In 1948, Killion had named Davies a director.

When APL's stock went up for bid last year, Davies a thought he saw a big chance. He lost no time in exploiting it, set up APL Associates with himself as president. Other major participants were Samuel B. Mosher, old friend of Davies' and president of Signal Oil & Gas Co. (Los Angeles): Marine Transport Lines (New York); and Carl M. Loeb-Rhoades, New York investment firm.

When the syndicate's bid was accepted, it sold half the purchased stock to Mosher's Signai Oil & Gas Co., kept the rest itself. There are now some 25 or 30 stockholders in APL Associates—including Killion, who bought in after the bidding and after Davies formally asked him to stay on as president of APL. Davies became board chairman of the steamship company; Mosher became a director.

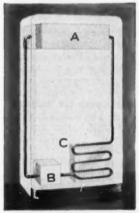
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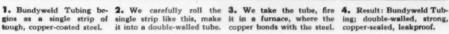
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pawn in a gigantic chess game had hampered it a good deal. But under Killion's able hand, it had come within one step of the queen's row by the time Davies' syndicate showed up to give it the final push.

This was a surprise to many observers. When Truman gave Killion the APL post in 1947, the appointment provoked cynical mirth in San Francisco shipping circles. This company, observers jeered, is obviously a pay window where deserving Democrats go for their rewards. Its \$25,000-a-year presidency is a political plum. This man Killion, for instance, is a career politician with no knowledge of ships whatsoever.

But Killion was willing to learn, and he was not above asking for help. One of the first sources he turned to after his appointment was the man who had been his boss in the supermarket business years before—Lawrence Giles, one-time executive vice-president of Safeway Stores, Inc. Giles knew nothing of ships, either, but he knew much about selling. Killion gave him the job of selling steamship service.

Killion called in other experts, too (pictures, page 180). From the government's Burcau of the Budget he got Sheridan P. Gorman; from another steamship line, passenger-service expert John M. Diggs; from Navy retirement, Commodore George T. Paine.

• Pusher—And Killion plugged his idea of hard selling. With the help of Giles and W. Kenneth Barcoe, then vicepresident in charge of freight traffic, he set up a whole new sales program for freight.

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On another aspect of hard selling, Killion himself sets an example. Every week when he's in San Francisco, he hosts a lunch for the top executives of some customer company or prospect. And each week, in every city around the world where APL has a sales office, the office head does the same.

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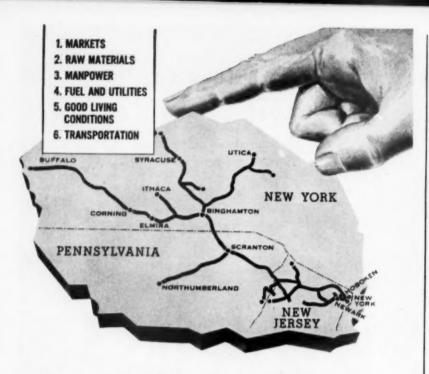
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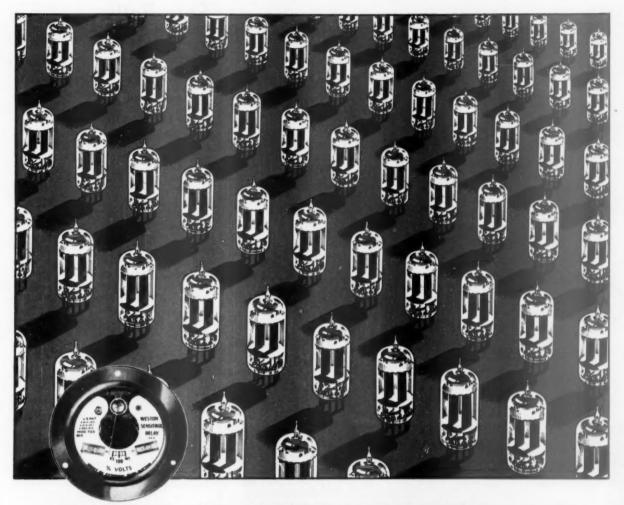
• Costs—All this costs money, but the company isn't spending over its head. Sheridan Gorman, whom Killion hired away from the government's Budget Bureau, has put APL on a strict budget—something it never had before. There's a budget not only for the company as a whole, but for each ship, each voyage, each ship department.

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Justice Dept. lawyers figure that before they're through they're going to take back as many as 70 ships. All told, title to \$100-million worth of ships is involved.

Basically, the government says that the people who bought these ships-or who now control them-engaged in a wide variety of shenanigans to get the ships in violation of U.S. laws. The laws say, in effect, that only companies owned or controlled by Americans can buy or operate such ships.

• Resistance-Naturally, this huge legal operation is being contested by the companies that maintain they are the legal owners of the ships.

Behind this summary is a maze of confusion made up of complex shipping laws, interpretations of the laws, dummy corporations, international shipping promoters-complicated by a tendency of almost everyone involved to disclose something less than all he knows

Even the identity of the real owners of most of these ships is in question. Many of the companies were organized just for the purpose of buying or operating them.

• First Test-The first test of the government's repossession program is already under way-and it's typical of the complexities involved.

The tanker Meachem was purchased in 1948 in a three-cornered deal involving the United Tanker Corp. (or-ganized by Newbold Morris' law firm), the China International Foundation. Inc., and the American Overseas Tanker Corp. The relationship of these companies to each other, and the Meachem, and other companies involved is still being argued about. In fact, the owners and the government disagree on almost every "fact."

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ships to corporations with American officers and controlled by American citizens. Later amendments toughened up the law. The Meachem seizure was upheld by a district court. It was appealed and a ruling has been expected for several weeks from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Charlotte, N. C. This decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court, no matter who wins.

• One-man Drive—The seizure drive picked up steam under the Eisenhower Administration. Mostly, it's the pet project of Assistant Attorney General Warren E. Burger, new chief of the Civil Division. Burger is convinced that the ship purchasers have been in clear violation of the law, and that problems of disposing of the property shouldn't block prosecution of violators. Also, Burger has worked out a plan that permits the ships to go to sea again.

• The ship company must put the ship into custody of the court and appoint a captain and a first mate who are U.S. Naval Reservists, approved by Justice. The captain and first mate then are sworn in as special U.S. deputy marshals. This is to assure that in a threat of war or open war, the ship's officers would respond quickly to U.S. naval orders to return to an American

• The ship company assigns a ship's agent—approved by Justice and the court—to handle all profits earned on the ship's voyage. The agent is also sworn in as a U.S. deputy marshal. He puts all the money into a special account in a bank—pays all operating costs from it, such as the crew's wages. Any payments caused by extraordinary circumstances must be approved by the court.

 The ship company may not make any charter for the ship unless approved by the U.S. Maritime Administration and Justice. The ship may travel only between ports and carry only cargo approved by Justice.

• Whose Ships?—Who actually controls the ships in question? That's the basic question at issue in these cases. And it is a tough one to answer. The Chinese group connected with Morris had three. Department officials privately believe the fabulously rich Aristotle Socrates Onassis, new Monte Carlo landlord, and his brother-in-law, Stavros Niarchos, each control between 20 and 30 ships—though both of them deny this.

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# Survival in the Twentieth Century

Civil defense is one of those ideas that everyone approves of—officially—while privately considering them nonsense. Many a businessman has sent a memo to the assistant to his third vice-president appointing him the company's CD coordinator and has turned down an offer of a post as chief warden for the suburb where he lives. And has let it go at that.

You can't blame him. Throughout the cold war period, a persistent aura of unreality has hung over everything concerning civil defense. Just about every program talked of was under a curse: It was so enormously expensive it would have fatally interfered with military expansion; it would take too long to be of any use in an early war; or it involved training large numbers of people and holding them in a state of psychological readiness quite impossible in peacetime.

#### A Fresh Look

This year, two important changes have occurred in the world. And it's time for the businessman—and everyone else—to take a fresh look at civilian defense. The changes:

• The threat of immediate war is fading.

• The threat of the atom is increasing. This is the long-warned-of year; Russia has demonstrated her capacity to wage a full scale atomic war. Britain is only a few years behind Russia. Soon every industrial nation will have its stockpile of bombs.

Starting now, we and our children will live in a world where atomic holocaust is a momentary possibility.

This is no temporary emergency to be dealt with and forgotten. It is a new world situation that will go on indefinitely. Except for the distant prospect of a world state and a world police force, no end to it is in sight or even imaginable. Atomic treaties may minimize the danger of surprise attack, but they cannot change the basic situation. It is just something we have to live with.

# Changing Your Way of Life

In that kind of world, civil defense has a completely different meaning. It is no longer a matter of hurried preparation for a threatening war. It is a matter of adjusting our way of living—permanently—to a new reality.

This sort of thing has happened before. In the days of the Pax Romanum, the cities of Europe sprawled carelessly. When the Roman legions lost control of the frontiers, the cities pulled in on themselves, put up walls, became fortified towns. Now again we have lost control of the frontiers and must fortify.

The new way of living will bring changes no one can yet foresee. But the No. 1 change is obvious:

Reduction of density-reducing population density and industrial concentration.

All atomic weapons are area-sweeping devices. The

basic defense is to minimize the resources that can be destroyed in any given area.

Density reduction is not a thing to be achieved overnight. But over the years and the decades the country can grow into the new pattern. Fortunately, there is already a trend in this direction: People are swarming out of the cities into the suburbs; industries are decentralizing plants. But it will take intelligence and planning to push this trend along and to speed it, to prevent backward movements.

Government regulation and industrial policy should both be designed to throw every possible obstacle in the way of any action that increases density of population or industry at any point, to give every possible encouragement to moves that reduce density.

Businessmen have a key role in this new concept of civil defense. As civic leaders they have an obvious duty. And in simply doing business—in deciding where to build new plants, for example—they are involved in most of the individual decisions that will speed or slow the process of putting the nation in shape to survive in the second half of the twentieth century.

# Looking Backward

Every businessman automatically and continuously assesses economic conditions. The National Assn. of Purchasing Agents is no exception. But it has carefully refrained from using the clouded crystal ball of prophecy. Instead, it has taken a look backward. It announces that present conditions "seem to be almost parallel with those of September, 1948, when the stage was being set for the 1949 recession."

The association notes that today, as in 1948, competition "is sharpening in most lines." Prices are softening, led by copper, zinc and lead. There have been more layoffs than hirings—as production fell off and students returned to school. In addition, overtime is "fast disappearing" as it did in 1949.

Another major similarity is that buying is again handto-mouth. Fully 75% of purchasing agents are buying for 60 days or under. This is the result of the drop in prices, the ready availability of materials, and falling backlogs. Unfilled orders, in fact, have declined in 1953 at exactly the same rate as in 1948.

One big difference is in the inventory situation. Today unworked inventories are much lower and in better balance.

There is always danger in comparing the present with the past. In this case, it might mean complacency. For the 1948-49 recession was only a mild dip, so that a repetition would hardly be a disaster.

The association does not carry the parallel this far. The situation, it says, "is not alarming, but calls for caution and close watching."

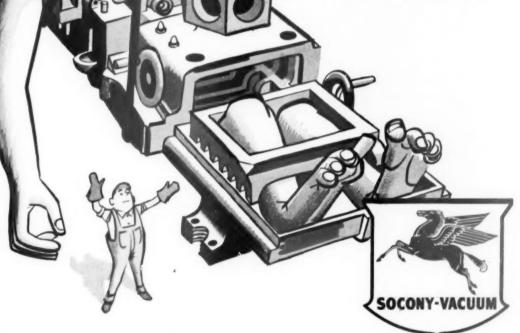


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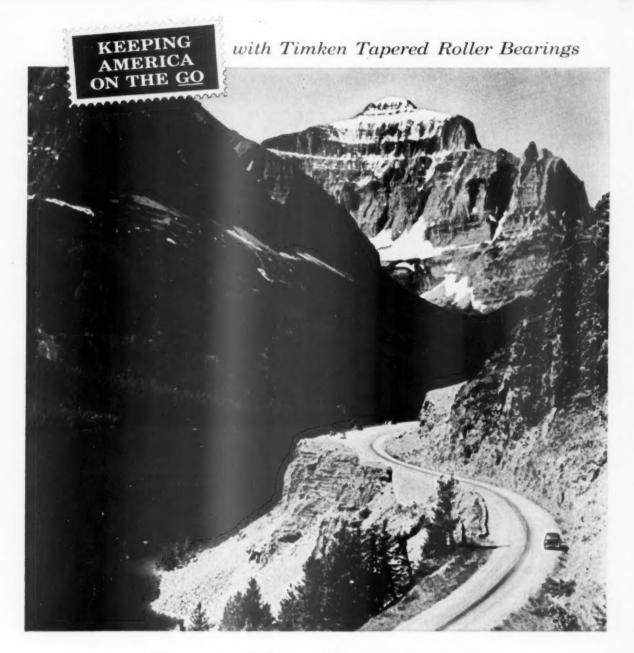
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